

Denni Hlasatel, May 26, 1922.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND PROPAGANDA STARTED BY THE  
WESTERN BOHEMIAN FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

The Chicago members of the Zapadni Ceska Bratraska Jednota (Western Bohemian Fraternal Association) launched a membership drive for the purpose of establishing an Illinois organization which would later become a part of this great benevolent association....At the present time there are about two hundred members of the Jednota in Chicago who belong to lodges situated in other states; all in all, forty-six lodges from the states of California, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and North and South Dakota are represented by the Chicago group.

The said two hundred men are the former members of lodges situated in the above-mentioned states, but the constitution /of the Jednota/ does not permit them to create an independent lodge. An attempt to secure such a privilege will be made at the next convention of the Jednota which will be held next September in Omaha.

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It was with this end in view that propaganda was started recently in this city so that a definite proposition may be made during the convention showing the advantages of such a change. During the next meeting of the local group, to be held on Sunday, May 28, 1922 at 2 P. M., in Mr. Kafka's hall, 26th Street and Avers Avenue, the members will discuss this matter further. The temporary secretary....is Mr. Jiri M. Kristufek....who also advised us that this year will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Jednota. This occasion will be celebrated by the Chicago members also.

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A MAY BALL

The Podporujici Spolek Ceskoslovenskych Zen a Divek (Benevolent Society of Czechoslovak Women and Girls) is making elaborate preparations for a May ball which is to take place tomorrow in Mr. Novak's hall, 25th Street and Homan Avenue. This well-known Society has much to offer in the way of entertainment, and its friends are assured of a pleasant time. The program will be of a high class nature, thanks to our ladies. The excellent music is to be furnished by Mr. Charles Chochola.....

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NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOHEMIAN LODGES  
OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

A rare opportunity is offered to our brother Odd Fellows to become charter members of a new encampment. Those men who are not yet members of an encampment should seize this opportunity and learn about the rites and ceremonies of the three highest degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. These three degrees form a higher school of important and perfect mystical knowledge which is open to any member of this world-wide organization.

Its characteristics shall be Bohemian as much as possible so that it can courageously stand shoulder to shoulder with our other lodges which bear that high-sounding name Bohemian. It will be the endeavor of our members to have each lodge actively represented in the new organization. Of especial significance is the fact that this will be the first and only

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Czech encampment and, as far as we know, the only one of its kind in the world.

The first meeting will take place on Sunday afternoon, March 19, 1922, at three o'clock, in the hall of the Ceskoslovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) located on 18th and May Streets. The regular meetings will take place every first and third Fridays of every month in the same hall. Detailed information may be obtained from the members.

Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 7, 1922.

/CZECHO-SLAVONIC BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES/

(Editorial)

The Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic-Benevolent Societies) is now sixty-eight years old. It is the oldest benevolent association in the United States. The best way to celebrate this occasion would be to secure a large number of new members. If each of our states would secure sixty-eight new members--that is one for each year of the Societies' age--the total would be quite impressive.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 3, 1922.

COMMEMORATE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CESKA AMERIKA KLUB

The very active Ceska Amerika Klub (Bohemian-America Club) is making preparations to commemorate the fifth anniversary of its founding. To celebrate the occasion the Club will give a gala ball for its members and friends in the restaurant of Mr. Kafka, 26th Street and Avers Avenue. The ball will take place tomorrow. The committee on arrangements and entertainment left no stone unturned to make this occasion an enjoyable one.....

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BENEVOLENT PROPAGANDA BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF BOHEMIAN  
CATHOLIC FORESTERS IN BEHALF OF ST. BENEDICT'S HOME FOR THE AGED

The members of the Sdružení Českých Katolických Lesníků (Order of Bohemian Catholic Foresters) are urged to work diligently to make their forthcoming social entertainment a financial success, for the larger the attendance at this entertainment, the greater the proceeds from it. One half of the money will go toward the upkeep of the Útulna Svatého Benedikta (St. Benedict's Home for the Aged), and our joy will be twofold: First, because of a successfully arranged evening's entertainment; second, because we shall be able to help our old men and women who were not so fortunate as to be able to live the rest of their lives in the intimacy of their own family circles.

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CARNIVAL OF THE SOCIAL AND BENEVOLENT CLUB CROWN OF BOHEMIA

The Zábavná a Podporující Klub Česká Koruna (Social and Benevolent Club Crown of Bohemia) is making huge preparations for a carnival which is to take place tomorrow in the hall of the Sokol Havlíček-Tyrš on Lawndale Avenue. The entertainment committee is rehearsing diligently for this important occasion, and the entertainment itself, judging by the work already accomplished, promises to be excellent.....

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SIGNIFICANT CELEBRATION  
Forty-fifth Anniversary of Palacký Lodge

At approximately three o'clock yesterday afternoon, a large crowd of people assembled in front of the Pilsen Sokol Hall on Ashland Avenue and 18th Street. Curious passers-by soon learned that this large assemblage consisted of delegates from various lodges who had arrived in Chicago from [various parts] of the country to help celebrate the forty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the oldest Bohemian lodge in Chicago affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.....In this celebration the Vlast Rebekah Lože Číslo 165 (Homeland Rebekah Lodge No. 165) of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows participated.... The Palacký Lodge No. 630 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is really an old organization, and there are only two charter members who are alive today. They are Brothers František Fučík and Eduard Holý, whose presence at this celebration will evoke much interest among the members. The Palacký Lodge is not only the oldest Bohemian lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Chicago, but it is also the oldest Bohemian lodge in America. Its present

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officers are Messrs. Albert Tejček, František Ležal, František A. Slepíček, John Kostka, and Antonín J. Láhrobský. The officers of the sister organization--the Vlast Rebekah Lože Díslo 135 Independent Order of Odd Fellows--are the following ladies: Mes. Ella Slepíček, Peronie Šindelář, Bohumila Krejci, Marie Dobeš, and Barbora Sedláček. The director of physical education is Mrs. Josefina Cíkel. According to our information, the Lůdský Lodge is also the strongest of all Bohemian lodges, for it boasts of a membership of one thousand.

Last night was ladies' night at the Wilson Social Hall. We must say that it was very successful. This evening the members of the Vlast Rebekah will entertain the visitors from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the same hall, while the new members of the Lůdský lodge will be initiated into the Order by the brothers of the Cedar Rapids lodge in the hall of the Auditorium on Ashland Avenue and Van Buren Street. All in all, there will be about 135 new initiates. Tomorrow will be devoted to a joint banquet which will also be held in the Auditorium. It is expected that there will be about two thousand members who will attend

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the banquet. The purpose of the banquet will also be to celebrate a new goal--one thousand members in the Falck Lodge.....

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ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to notify all Czechoslovak women who had to resign from their societies because of exorbitant dues that we are going to organize a club which will satisfy the needs of both our elderly and our young women.

There will be a meeting at Mr. Novák's establishment, 25th Street and Homan Avenue, on January 20 at 7:30 P. M. Women between the ages of twenty and fifty years will be accepted for club membership.

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ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE NEW YEAR

(Summary)

Our foremost mutual benefit societies have arranged a New Year's festival. Among these societies, the following deserve to be mentioned first: The Česko-Slovánské Podporující Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies), the Česko-Slovánská Jednota (Czecho-Slavonic Union), and the Jednota Českých Dám (Bohemian Ladies Society).

A Festival of the Grand Lodge of the  
Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky

First of all we must mention the New Year's festival of the grand lodge of the Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky of the State of Illinois, which was held at the usual place, West 18th and May Streets. The festival should have begun promptly at 2 P. M., but due to unavoidable circumstances, it

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actually started half an hour later.

The hall was filled to capacity. This was chiefly due to the colorful and varied program. The festival was officially opened by the chairman of the grand lodge, Mr. Otto T. Pergler, who asked the audience to excuse the absence of Professor B. Šimek of Iowa State University. Professor Šimek was originally listed as the main speaker at this festival, but at the eleventh hour he decided not to come because of the illness of his wife. Professor B. Kral was asked to address the lodge in his stead, but, unfortunately, he, too, became ill. It was for this reason that the chairman, Mr. Pergler, was compelled to deliver the opening speech himself. After greeting the audience, he called attention to past practices of the Česko-Slovenské Podporující Spolky, which used to busy themselves with extraneous matters; now, however, the time has come when the societies must pay more attention to their own interests and their own mission.

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IV various societies are doing, but rather upon the work of every individual member. The chief duty of the members is to propagandize the work of their societies. At this juncture he indicated the kind of work Mr. Janeš of Town of Lake has accomplished not only as a member of his own lodge, but as a co-operating member of the whole group of societies. He pointed to the work of this man as a pattern to be followed by others. He likewise stressed the meaning of the work of the combined societies; he indicated the particular worth of the activities of the younger members, who, when asked to participate in the leadership of their societies, especially in regard to the arrangement of entertainments, are able to bring many benefits to the union as a whole. He followed these general remarks with a speech in the English language addressed to the younger generation, the contents of this latter speech being in sum and substance the same as his Czech address. We may report that Mr. Pergler's addresses deserved great approbation.

Shortly after the conclusion of his speeches, the program continued, the individual items of which were chiefly musical numbers, recitations, and songs.

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IV Deserving of mention was a classical dance number. The program terminated with a one-act comedy produced by the veteran player, Mr. Josef Jurka. The actors who took part in this comedy were: Miss J. Sachaufet, Mr. J. Holan, Mrs. Anton Červenka, Messrs. B. Janouš, J. Svoboda, V. Procházka, and Miss A. Schaufel.

During the course of this comedy, a collection for the benefit of our shelter and orphanage was undertaken. The collection netted sixty-eight dollars. The managing committee consisted of Josef Jurka, J. Janda, V. H. Filip, K. Kopecký, Fr. Veselík, and J. Filip. We must mention that Mr. Václav Petrželka, the speaker representing the Svobodná Obec (Free Thought Community) and the Sváz Svobodomyšlných (the Federation of Bohemian Freethinkers), participated in the festival. When he learned that the chief speaker, Professor Šimek, could not attend, he attempted to get the floor for five minutes, wishing to address the assembled members from the standpoint of the Freethinkers. His request was denied. As an excuse he was told that there was no time for any more addresses, and that there were many other attractive features on the program. Why this

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IV happened we cannot say, but all in all, we can say that the managing committee ought to be satisfied with the results.

#### The Festival of the Czecho-Slavonic Union

The attractively decorated hall of the Plzeňský Sokol (Pilsen Gymnastic Association) on Ashland Avenue was filled to capacity yesterday afternoon. The regular New Year's festival of the Česko-Slovánská Jednota was held here. The program was rich and varied, consisting chiefly of entertainment. After the playing of an orchestral number under the direction of R. Bartoš and a short address by Mrs. F. Mrázek, there followed a recitation by little Jiřina Rouček entitled, "What We Want and What We Get".....The main speaker at the festival was the well-known national worker, Dr. Karel Neumann, president of the grand lodge. The substance of his speech was a description of club life and its meaning for our nationality, with a few remarks concerning the purely humane and benevolent activities in which our societies are engaged. This speaker emphasized the fact that the annual New Year's festivals are above all

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IV a sort of inventory of the work performed during the previous year, and are not meant primarily to be entertainments. In this respect the union may be proud of its accomplishments, particularly in the faithful fulfillment of its duties during the year just terminated.

The union is just ending the thirtieth year of its existence, and its splendid work in the past is a fitting climax for its thirtieth anniversary. The speaker also pointed out the differences between the Bohemian societies and those of other language groups. While other societies originate and perish, ours continue to thrive and to increase in membership.....What is the basic reason for this phenomenon? It is our close economy. We manage things scrupulously, anxiously saving every penny, but at the same time we support every deserving national project as much as we can. In other language groups there is a lack of such economy and bad financial leadership. Dr. Neumann admonished all those present to continue to conduct their affairs with the same indefatigable zeal.....The program of the orchestra consisted mainly of classical compositions. The evening was set aside for lighter diversions such as dancing, etc.....

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Festival of the Central Committee of the Jednota Českých Dám

The luxurious assembly hall of the Harrison High School, 24th Street and Marshall Boulevard, was filled to capacity by the members and friends of our oldest and strongest woman's organization. The Jednota Českých Dám is very well known not only throughout our land, but also in the distant country of our origin.....The program started shortly after one o'clock. After the playing of the American national anthem, the president of the state organization, Mrs. Anna Brychta, gave her opening address of welcome.....She recalled the origin and the beginnings of the Jednota Českých Dám, which during the half century of its existence, has gathered into its ranks almost twenty-five hundred women distributed all over the United States and grouped into 145 organizations.....There were other speakers on the program, as well as musical numbers, recitations, and a one-act play. The ballet school of Mrs. Libuše Bartusek-Brown was well represented by its pupils of both sexes, whose performances have frequently earned them well-deserved applause.....The orchestra of Mr. Rudolf Rubringer rendered a few concert pieces. The arrangement

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committee consisted of Misses. M. Smrček, A. Brychta, K. Novy, Alžběta Lisá, M. Horový, Rosie Lapka, Anna Kroca, and Františka Schejbal.

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 23, 1921.

THE EIGHTH CONVENTION OF THE CESKO-AMERICITI  
LESNICI A LESNICE

....The assistant secretary of the convention, Sister Pokorny, read the minutes of the fourth session which were approved, and we correct in accordance with them, our yesterday's report to the effect that the new rate table was adopted by a vote of 36 against 19 delegates.....

....The resolutions committee recommended a change in Article II of the constitution dealing with new members so that it would read, "Membership in a member lodge is open to any man or woman of good reputation, able to speak the Czechoslovak (sic) language and sixteen years of age or older....." It was adopted.....

....The next convention of the Ceskoamericti Lesnici a Lesnice (Czech-American Men and Women Foresters), will be held in the year 1925.....

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The election of officers of the Grand Lodge was then taken up. It was decided that all those who acted as delegates to this convention are eligible for election to offices of the Grand Lodge. As remuneration for the officers, it was agreed that the president of the Grand Lodge should receive \$220 instead the former \$150 a year; the vice-president, \$100 instead of \$35; the secretary, who is simultaneously the editor of the official organ (and as such gets \$100), \$800 instead of \$600; the treasurer \$200 instead of \$150; and each member of the board of directors, \$30 instead of \$25 a year. The doorkeepers (there are two of them) will be getting \$10 a year.....

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THE EIGHTH CONVENTION OF THE  
CESKOAMERICTI LESNICI A LESNICE

The eighth convention of the Ceskoamericti Lesnich a Lesnici (Czech-American Men and Women/Foresters), one of our largest and most popular Free Thought unions, was opened in the Pilsen Park pavilion on West 26th Street and South Albany Avenue at 9 A. M. yesterday. Almost all the delegates who had signified their intention of coming to Chicago to attend the convention were present--fifty-six all told.

On this occasion we had the pleasure of meeting many old friends with whom we had attended previous conventions of the body, and it is most gratifying to realize that all have come as members of one large family, ready to do all that is in their power to promote the welfare of our dear union and of the Czechoslovak people in America. Willingness to put forth the best efforts in this respect was noticeable also in those for whom this was the first convention, our brand new delegates.

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The convention was opened by the Chief Forester of the Grand Lodge, Brother Zikmund Chobotsky, who welcomed those present with a few well-chosen words and stressed the importance of the eighth convention. He said he was sure that all the member lodges had sent their best and most agile workers, and expressed the hope that the delegates will be certain to do all that is necessary in order to make this convention of the greatest benefit to the union and to the American branch of the Czechoslovak nation. He asked all to pay the closest attention to every part of the business that will be transacted, to avoid unnecessary delays, and to do their duty toward the union itself and their individual lodges.

Having finished his introductory remarks, the Chief Forester appointed a credentials committee, consisting of Brothers Prosek and Bernard, and Sister Soucek. This committee scrutinized the credentials and made out a list of names of those present; and the comparison of that list with the list of those who had announced their intention to come revealed the fact that almost all of them had already arrived. Even so it was necessary to make a few slight

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changes in the representation of some of the lodges, and all the proposed changes were approved by the convention.....

[Translator's note: The names of thirty-five lodges and their delegates are omitted in translation.]

The Chief Forester of the Grand Lodge requested Brother Secretary V. T. Hajek to read the minutes of the seventh convention. The eighth convention approved the minutes without changes. Thereafter the Chief Forester read his own report, a document that is interesting in more than one respect, and from which we quote the following parts:

"It is our custom to go straight to our goal, to go right to the bottom of things, and to flatter no one. We simply refuse to emulate the officers of other unions who seek nothing but praise and slaps on the back. Our slogan and principal concern is truth, and nothing but truth. Personal favors on the one side, and personal animosities on the other cannot swerve us from our chosen course.



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"Now we are happy to state that we have lost less than one hundred members during the critical period of war and the epidemic. Our reserve fund was increased by \$20,000 during that period, and our percentage of growth in membership is larger than that of other unions. There is not a single good cause that went unsupported by our union. We have always tried to be among the first in doing. But that, in our sober opinion, does not mean anything, because in doing so we have done nothing more than our duty, a duty which we must do and shall always do in the future. After all, to do good is the only reason for which all Czech unions and organizations have been founded.

"Our interest centers in our own internal affairs and in our growth and progress. The last convention decided that the introduction of new members should be done individually according to a new ritual, and work on the development of this idea was started. But the results of this effort have been very poor indeed. Some lodges are using the ritual, some are not. We recommend, therefore, that this idea be abandoned and new members be introduced quarterly

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according to the old ritual on the occasion of an entertainment and educational meeting. My own lodge has been doing this always.

"In the last convention of all Czech Free Thought unions the proposal of their unification was discussed. A committee composed of delegates of all Czech unions was appointed, whose duty it was to prepare this unification. Our Grand Lodge has resigned from that committee because we have seen and known that, under present conditions, a unification is impossible. We therefore suggest that there be no proposals in regard to that idea and no discussions of it in the present convention, and that our attention be devoted exclusively to our own internal affairs.

"The Grand Lodge founded an English-speaking sports club in 1916 which was joined by sixty-seven of our younger brothers. There was a hope that it would be possible to found the first English-speaking lodge. Most interested in this idea were Lodges Tesar, Jan Zizka, Plzen, Sumava, Tabor, and Svatopluk Cech. But that hope has not been realized. There was no co-operation. The

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membership of the club joined the army during the war, and the club disbanded. But we still recommend the foundation of English-speaking lodges, because other unions are founding them also. There have been objections on the ground that transacting business in the English language would bring about our end and be a proof of our national bankruptcy. We do value our Czech language above anything else. Once it disappears, we disappear. But conditions seem to require it; we have to attract our youth, and have to offer them everything that is available in other than Czech unions.

"One of the largest Czech unions in this country, in its recent convention, changed its table of rates from the form we are still using, that is, providing for a payment of a fee whenever a member died, to a form requiring one payment every month. This form of assessment seems to be working very well. On the occasion of a revision in the Grand Lodge, the state auditor recommended that form both to the secretary and the treasurer, assuring them that the sooner the union adopted it the better off it would be. We recommend, therefore, that this change, if possible, should be agreed upon in this

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convention. We are certain that it will have the best results, both as a business method and for purposes of publicity. And it is most important that we do something in the way of publicity. Let us consider the situation of those who depend on our union. Our union is the only protection of many of our members and their families. Those who are well fixed may be safely left out of the present consideration because they have other protection elsewhere. But our union is composed mostly of workingmen, impecunious and needy all around. That is the element that deserves all our consideration, and every member must be sure of getting what he was promised when he joined our union.

"There have been several cases where a member died within six or seven months, or within a year after joining the union. His beneficiaries were paid the whole death benefit according to the rules. We believe that a continuation of this policy would be unjust to older members who have been paying for years. It is desirable that this convention take this matter under advisement. We do not recommend the system in force in other unions, that is, that a member

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should not receive the whole benefit until after he had been a member for five years, but we think that the payment of half of it at the death of a member who has been with us two years, and half of it two years after his death would be no hardship on anybody. The matter of insurance of children does not require any discussion because that is being done already. All that is necessary for the lodges to do is to push it more than they have been doing. According to the report of the Narodni Bratrsky Kongres [sic] (National Fraternal Congress) twenty-one unions have, in their children's departments, 95,250 policy holders."

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Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Brother Hajek presented a very long report in which he advocated many important changes concerning all phases of the activities of the union.....

Brother Hajek reported also on the union's membership from January 1, 1918, to June 30, 1921. The union has 2,580 members in 35 member lodges, which show

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460 new members insured for \$270,750; 181 members who have resigned were insured for \$97,500; 121 evicted members insured for \$74,250; 133 diseased members insured for \$112,750.

The assets of the union September 30, 1921, were: \$62,500 in bonds, \$5,048.09 in death fund, \$1,538.65 in the current fund, \$1,093.35 in **reserve** fund; total of \$70,180.09, which does not include the profit of this year's outing.....

In the afternoon session the minutes of the morning session were adopted as read, convention officers elected, and the various convention committees appointed by acclamation.....

The committee on convention arrangements recommended that the morning session should start at 9 A. M., the afternoon session at 1 P.M.....

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....The Lodge Cesky Lev proposes the foundation of mixed lodges (men and women)....and the corresponding changes in constitution and bylaws.....

All proposals were passed on to the respective committees for action, but the constitution and bylaws committee will be the busiest of all.

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 20, 1921.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

A great deal has been said recently among our public about the attempts for the realization of plans that would result in the unification of all Catholic Jednoty [fraternal, benevolent associations, that is larger bodies having a number of lodges, camps, courts, etc.] into one great and powerful organization. These plans have been discussed not only in the Catholic daily press but also in the organs of the various associations, which have been publishing most interesting articles giving their writers' points of view, ideas as to advantages or disadvantages to be derived from such a unification, and also the various obstacles that stand in the way and how they should or could be overcome. This matter has aroused the attention it deserves because of its great importance. This being the case the various associations of our Catholic countrymen have made arrangements for their representatives to meet and subject the matter to a most thorough discussion. The conference was called to Chicago and met yesterday in the offices of the Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku (National Alliance of Czech Catholics) in the building of the

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Lawndale State Bank on West 22nd Street near South Kedzie Avenue.

The meeting, attended by many men and women delegates, was opened yesterday at ten o'clock in the morning. The meeting was held for consultation purposes only and no decisions or recommendations it might make were considered binding on the bodies represented. All that the representatives were expected to do was to discuss this question, which is of such great importance to the Czech Catholic public. It had been brought up by public organs and, after thorough study, many bodies have passed resolutions in favor of the unification. So, for instance, one of the best Catholic bodies, the Katolicky Delnik (Catholic Workingman) has issued a special proclamation to its membership reading as follows;

"The tendency for unification of various death benefit organizations is very general. Also we see a possible advantage in unifying the Czech Catholic benevolent bodies provided this unification will involve both the ideological and financial aspects, the financial part being regulated by the results of

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computations and tables prepared by skilled actuaries so that the whole membership would receive the benefit of proper insurance and just adjustment of dues."

The Katolicky Delnik also adopted a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee for the purpose of formulating a plan to bring the Katolicky Delnik to the highest possible degree of economic perfection. The fourteenth general convention of the Katolicky Delnik held in Omaha in January of this year adopted a resolution according to which all Czech Catholic benevolent or insurance organizations should be apprised of this move of the Katolicky Delnik. The Katolicky Delnik went so far as to charge its lawyer, Mr. Karel Kovar, to get in touch with an experienced actuary to assist in preparing this step, that is, to figure out an acceptable way in which the legally required solvency [sic] of the Katolicky Delnik would be reached in case of the unification.

Similarly, the Wisconsin Jednota issued to its membership a proclamation which reads as follows:

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"Whereas, Both the first and second national conventions of the Narodni Svaz have received letters urging the Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku to take steps leading toward the unification of all Catholic benevolent bodies, and

"Whereas, All action of this kind exceeds the authority vested in the Svaz by its constitution and bylaws; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we recognize the full judicial authority of the Svaz assembled in convention and recommend that all our Jednoty take up this question in their general conventions."

Yesterday's conference is the result of negotiations which took place between the various Jednoty. At that conference were represented:

The Prvni Ustredni Jednota (First Central Union) of America by Vinc. Kolda of Bay Village, Ohio and Dr. M. E. Lorenz of Chicago, Illinois.

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The Katolicky Delnik by Lawyer Chas. Kolar of Le Sueur Center, Minnesota, and Jos. F. Reznicek, whose proxy was Dr. Lorenz.

The Ustredni Jednota Zen Americkych (Central Union of American Women) by Mrs. Rozalie Nedved of Berwyn, Illinois, president of the Grand Court, and Mrs. Anna Bilek of Chicago, Illinois, secretary of the Grand Court.

The Ustredni Jednota Katolicka (Central Catholic Union) of Wisconsin by Jan Paulu, president, and K. Koubek, secretary, both of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Zapadni Ceska Katolicka Jednota (Western Czech Catholic Union) by L. J. Kukrna of Wahoo, Nebraska.

The Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku was represented by Jan Straka, Reverend F. Jedlicka, Jos. J. Janda, Ant. Vaclav Tesar, J. Kesner, and V. Havel. Also present was the Reverend Vaclav Mikolasek of Lankin, North Dakota, who was greatly interested in the unification. The Katolicka Jednota (Catholic

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Union) of Texas was not represented because of the great distance, but its president sent a written advice that there is no intention on the part of his Jednota to make any difficulties or in any way oppose the unification.

Mr. Kolda of Bay Village, Ohio, was elected chairman of the conference, the Reverend Jedlicka, its secretary. Many of us are quite unaware of the fact that this was the first time after a long period of years that the representatives of various Czech Catholic organizations got together for a sincere discussion of a matter of such great importance to the lives of Catholic Czechs in America. Individual representatives offered their suggestions and recommendations, brought messages from their home bodies and all proposals were subject to a most thorough discussion.

It must be stressed that all discussions were most sincere and cordial, as friendly as could be, and that the conference would be successful was already apparent in the morning. Lawyer Karel Kovar, representing the Katolicky Delnik, was most frank and candid in his recommendations. He presented a

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very clear plan and explained fully the ways and means to a unification. His deductions were very well received and applauded. It was most inspiring to note that all representatives were in favor of the unification and aware of the advantages which that move would bring to Czech Catholics in America. All these workers, most of whom have become gray in service to their Jednoty, talked to one another as brothers should. Mrs. Nedved, as president of her Jednota Zen Americkych, said that the question of unification had not been discussed in any of its meetings, but that she is certain that her Jednota will not only not oppose it but will give substantial help to achieve it.

The unification is an immense problem of far-reaching importance, and happy contentment appeared on the faces of all delegates when it became apparent that it is being discussed with rare unanimity of purpose.

The first concrete result of the meeting was that every Jednota represented in the conference will take steps to reach that degree of solvency required by the laws of the state in which it is incorporated. All the delegates

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present pledged themselves to urge the application of all means to achieve that end in as short a time as possible.

Further, the conference agreed to form a permanent committee, membership of which includes all those present at the conference, which will be officially known as the Vybor Zastupcu Pro Sloucení Ceskokatolických Jednot (Committee for the Unification of Czech Catholic Unions). Its chairman is Mr. Vinc Kolda; secretary, Mr. V. B. Havel. The purpose of the committee, as its name indicates, is to work for the unification by urging it in the members' bodies, and by supplying and exchanging information; and its members promised not to stop working until the aim is definitely reached. The representative of the První Ustřední Jednota declared that his union is already working on reaching the solvency required by the law, and that it will succeed in a short time. The Katolický Delník is in a very similar situation.

The conference chairman thanked all those present for their contribution to the proposed end. He called this a memorable meeting, one that will be

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remembered for a long time. He thanked the Narodni Svaz for acting as an intermediary and assembling the representatives of such a large number of unions around one conference table.....

Thus, what a short while ago was not even a dream now is becoming a reality. Every hour of the conference was used for purposeful discussion; not a minute was wasted. The conference achieved a success of which all those can be proud who are interested in the preservation of the American branch of our nation. The meeting ended at six o'clock in the evening.....



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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 9, 1921.

[THE BOHEMIAN-SLAVONIC UNITY].

The Cesko-Slovanska Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Unity) is one of the Bohemian fraternal benevolent societies which, with unusual interest, participates in any action concerning our Bohemian schools and our public life. The Jednota is especially concerned in our young people and tries, by arranging informative lectures and noble entertainment, to influence them and preserve them for our fraternal benevolent societies. This year the Jednota launched a campaign for the purpose of securing new members, especially children for its juvenile department, for which a certain amount of money was appropriated. There are no charges for physical examination because these expenses are paid by the Grand Lodge.

That the members are devoted to their Jednota is shown by the noticeable activity in every lodge. The proof of it was given last Sunday April 3, at Marquette Hall, where the initiation of new members to the Loze Bila Ruze (White Rose Lodge) was held. Sister M. Blazek secured the applications for

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membership of ten adults and twenty-one children. The news was joyfully received by the officers of the Grand Lodge who also participated in this affair. The president of the Grand Lodge, Dr. K. Neuman, initiated the officers of the Lodge and then spoke briefly to the members about the necessity of supporting their officers and facilitating their work.

After the installation of the officers and the initiation of new members, most of whom were young people, Dr. Neuman spoke briefly about the campaign which was launched for the purpose of securing new members, and also mentioned the work which the Jednota attempts to accomplish. Dr. Antonin Mueller, in his usual inexhaustible humorous way, called the attention of the gathering to the fact that the meal is ready and waiting. This occasioned much laughter among those present and the entertainment which followed was hearty and natural.

That the Cesko-Slovanska Jednota is progressing is shown by the work already accomplished and by the new work which it intends to do. The Jednota fulfilled its duties in every respect, particularly in the punctual payment of death claims.

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The wonderful work of Sister M. Blazek, the present president of the Loze Bila Ruze and a member of the executive committee of the Grand Lodge, will have its reverberations in stimulating all members of the Jednota. This Jednota will be a proud example of work because it follows a promising road by including entire families among its members who are to strengthen the friendship not only among themselves, but in the whole Jednota and outside of it.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 4, 1921.

**WANTED!**

We want one thousand men and women who would like to become members of a new lodge of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) which is being organized now.

The physical examination is free, and there is no initial fee charged. Therefore, let everybody come and bring his friends. Make use of this opportunity!

Apply at the following places: J. Veselka, 2536 South Crawford Avenue; A. Hass, 2524 South Spaulding Avenue; A. Dvorak, 1747 West Roosevelt Road; A. Leitner, 2508 South 58th Court, Cicero, Illinois; Fr. Blaha, 1305 South Komensky Avenue; J. Horna, 1301 South 56th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 26, 1921.

A PROCLAMATION TO ALL FREETHINKING CZECHOSLOVAKS  
IN CICERO AND VICINITY

The true Free Thought and progressive Jednota Taboritu v Americe (Taborites of America) is founding a new lodge in Cicero. The first meeting of the organization committee will be held Sunday, February 27, at 2 P. M., in Sokol Karel Jonas hall, where it will be possible to apply for membership. No initiation fee will be charged for Sokols and the sons and daughters of members of our organization.

It will also be possible to apply for membership at the homes of the following members of the committee: [There follows a list of names and addresses.]

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 26, 1921.

A JOURNAL OF THE CZECHO-SLOVAK LITERARY SOCIETY

The Linny Lodge No. 169 of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Association of America celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on Jan. 25. The celebration was held at the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Association's Hall. The program of the celebration was opened by an oration, under the direction of Brother Šimandl, which played selections from the opera, "The Tattered Bride". The president of the Lodge, Brother F. Hal, then welcomed the audience. Brother Horlivý, a member of the František Ludvík Dramatic Association, recited the poem, "Ode Donovanovi" (Here Is My Love). Brother Jaroslav L. J. Vojen, the principal speaker was then introduced. The audience rewarded the speaker with applause for his beautiful and interesting speech. The next speaker was Brother C. Berler, president of the Illinois grand lodge, who deserves thanks and recognition for his speeches delivered in the English and Bohemian languages. The financial secretary, Brother J. Leman, then presented a brief report on activities of the Lodge during the past thirty years, when fifteen charter members were called upon the stage. They were introduced to

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IV the audience, and Brother P. Suchý, chairman of the arrangements committee, gave each of them a little souvenir gift.

Members and their wives who attended this celebration did not regret it because it was really a beautiful, first real entertainment. In the course of the celebration, Brother P. Suchý undertook a collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old Peoples' Home and Orphanage, and obtained the sum of twenty dollars.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 3, 1931.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ČESKO-SLOVANSKÁ JEDNOTA

The annual festival of the Česko-Slovanská Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Union) held January 1 at Milen Sokol hall attracted so many of our countrymen that the spacious auditorium was filled to capacity. Dr. Karel Neumann, president of the grand lodge, opened the program at 8 P. M. with a brief speech. The speaker was rewarded with a storm of applause. Mrs. Ottilie Splavec then entertained the audience with a humorous act, for which she also reaped spontaneous applause.....

Brother Turek then presented the financial report, from which it appears that the Česko-Slovanská Jednota is in sound financial condition. The report shows that there are 63 lodges in the Jednota with 5,826 members. For the mortuary fund, the sum of \$75,469.56 was received from subordinate lodges. From this amount, \$71,600 was paid out in death claims. During the past year 85 members passed away. The agitation fund amounts to \$2,310.08; the reserve fund, \$94,419.91. The total assets of the Česko-Slovanská Jednota are \$109,703.52.



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The juvenile department has 746 members, and during the past year the sum of \$112 was paid out in death claims. The report of Brother Turek was accepted with satisfaction.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 3, 1921.

TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

Annual Festivals of Our Benevolent Societies

Following their annual custom, our benevolent societies arranged New Year's festivals in various places on the first day of January, and everyone of them was crowned with success. The first day of the year brought infallible proof that from year to year these annual festivals enjoy more and more popularity among our people, and Saturday's entertainment again became the meeting place for not only a great number of members of the fraternal societies, but for their friends as well. Considering that these New Year's festivals are arranged mostly for purposes of propaganda and entertainment, we must admit that the efforts of our benevolent organizations were full appreciated.

Festival of the Illinois Grand Lodge of the  
Česko-Slovenské Podporující Spolky

A beautiful program was prepared for the festival of the Illinois grand lodge

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IV hall, 18th and May Streets, and this festival attracted a great  
number of people. Never before had the old hall been as crowded as  
it was on New Year's Day. The program was opened with a brilliant musical  
number played by the orchestra under the direction of Mr. Adolph Rubrinner.  
Mr. Jan Pecha then greeted the audience, and in his speech made the clever  
remark that Bohemians of America have, during the last few years, spent most  
of their energy for the cause of liberation of our old homeland. But now,  
when our brothers beyond the ocean are free, it is about time to remember our-  
selves and to work in our own interest.....

Mr. Otto T. Pergler, chairman of the Illinois grand lodge and principal speaker  
of the festival, talked on the theme, "The Future of Our Society," and de-  
livered his speech in both the Bohemian and English languages. His speech was  
remarkable in every respect.....

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The grand committees of the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Union) and the Sesterská Podporující Jednota (Bohemian Sisterhood) arranged a joint festival in the Carter H. Harrison High School, 24th Street and Marshall Boulevard, and so many members of both of these societies attended this festival that there were many people who had to be turned away. Although the auditorium of Harrison High School is one of the largest on the West Side, it could not accommodate all the people who wanted to get in.

Mrs. Marie Šarček, chairman of the grand committee of the Jednota Českých Dam, greeted the audience and paid respect to the memory of a recently departed member, Mrs. Klára Hlas. Mrs. Alžběta Lisý addressed the audience for the grand committee of the Sesterská Podporující Jednota. Both speakers were applauded by the audience for their sincere and heartfelt speeches.....

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IV this amount, the sum of \$150 will be sent to our old homeland, and the remaining sum of \$100 will be donated to our orphanage near the

Bohemian National Cemetery--the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. In this way entertainment was combined with a useful endeavor.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 17, 1920.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

A notice is hereby given to all Bohemian people that the first English-speaking order of the Dvory Cesko-Americkych Lesniku a Lesnic (Bohemian-American Foresters) is being organized under the name of the "Junior Foresters' Court No. 36." Any man or woman between sixteen and forty years of age, of sound health and moral character, may become a member and may select an insurance policy according to his or her wishes. The policies range from two hundred and fifty dollars up to one thousand dollars. No initial fee is charged.

The court meetings are held every Thursday evening at the premises of Mr. Frank Heinerich, 1122 West 18th Street, where anybody can apply for membership at any time. It is also possible to apply for membership at the home of Emil Budilovsky, temporary chairman, 1910 South Fisk Street, or Vaclav Stehlik, temporary secretary, 1010 West 20th Street.

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Denní Hlasatel, Oct. 28, 1920.

A BAZAAR OF THE PATRONÁT ČESKO-SLOVANSKÝCH PODPORUJÍCÍCH  
SPOLKU

The Patronát Budovy Česko-Slovanských Podporujících Spolku (Board of Trustees of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies' Hall), at 18th and May Streets, is arranging a bazaar which should be attended by all patrons of this lifelong center of our public life. This, our historic national building, has been a landmark for our old settlers almost from the beginning of the growth of our Pilsen settlement, and for a long period of years entertainments, theatrical productions, concerts, and meetings of a great number of organizations have been held there. Therefore, its significance should not be forgotten.

The Patronát has always been very careful to see that the building fulfills the requirements of our organizations, and such efforts should be rewarded. Old friends, and among them even those who have already left our Pilsen settlement, should remain loyal to this national hall to which they are connected by many recollections of national work, the center of which was the Czecho-

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Slavonic Benevolent Societies' Hall.

Friendship can be manifested at this bazaar, which is interesting in every respect, and which by its attractive program draws the attention of every visitor. The bazaar will be of short duration, and therefore everyone should hasten to visit it one of these days. Only a few days are left--that is, today and tomorrow; on Saturday a brilliant dance will bring the bazaar to a festive conclusion. Today and tomorrow the admission is free, and for Saturday's dance, only thirty-five cents will be the charge. Numerous friends of the Patronát surely will not forget to manifest their good will toward our old national hall by visiting this bazaar.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 18, 1920.

A NEWS ITEM FOR CICERO AND VICINITY

A notice is hereby given to members of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) that we intend to establish a new lodge of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky in Cicero, Illinois.

We therefore urgently call upon all brothers who are already members of the societies and who reside in Cicero to assist us in this matter.

We hereby call together all the Cespesaci [a nickname given to members of the above-mentioned societies and which originated from the abbreviation of the name of said societies, C. C. P. S.] of Cicero, Berwyn, Lyons, and vicinity, and we urge them to attend a consultation meeting which will be held in Sokol Karel Jonas Hall on Monday evening, September 20, at 8 P.M. Here a foundation for a new lodge may be laid.

Na zdar! (Success)

R. Miklas, St. Snajdr, Joseph Marik,  
Callers of the meeting.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT OF THE DENNI HLASATEL ON THE  
NINTH CONVENTION OF THE JEDNOTA CESKYCH DAM

Last Tuesday the jubilee convention of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Unity) adjourned and with it ended the significant celebrations arranged in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of this ramified humanitarian organization. Delegates of 144 lodges representing about 23,000 members came from various states where the larger colonies of our countrymen have settled, and attended and took part in the proceedings of the convention which lasted over a week. It was, therefore, an occasion of some moment, because thousands of Bohemian families, whose importance in national and civic life cannot be underestimated, were represented there. If conventions and jubilees of our men's organizations are significant, then the same may be said, yet with much more truth, about our ladies' organizations. Members of the latter are wives and mothers, who have the greatest influence upon the education of our future generations; who are best fitted to instill into them the principle of national self-consciousness; and who can see to it

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II D 4      that their children follow in the footsteps of their parents.

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III H      To claim such significance for this organization would be impossible if its only purpose were insurance, but this is not true in the case of the Jednota Ceskych Dam or any of our women's benevolent organizations in general. The death policy is only a part of their program; it is not the only object of their ambitions and efforts. Charity and the support of all our national causes is one of their greatest merits, and it is not an empty phrase to say that our ladies' organizations should serve as an example in our national work. It would be a hard task to estimate all that has been accomplished by the Jednota Ceskych Dam during the fifty years of its beneficent activity, even if all that has been done were estimated in dollars alone.

During half of a century of unselfish and generous activity, the Jednota Ceskych Dam has donated thousands and thousands of dollars toward patriotic causes and upon the altar of charity. Although an enormous sum has been

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II D 4      paid out in the form of death benefits (and this remarkable  
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            brilliant work which has been done for our national causes. To  
comprehend fully the significance of the Jednota Ceskych Dam, it is necessary  
to take into consideration all that has been done and is still being done for  
the benefit of our Bohemian-American schools, for our Bohemian Old People's  
Home and Orphanage, and for many other charitable causes. Monetary and moral  
support is given to every good and noble cause. With no little pride it is  
possible to point out the noble work which the organization and all its  
members accomplished during the World War. The organization enthusiastically  
made great financial sacrifices for the liberation of our old homeland, and  
with the same love its members have worked for the American Red Cross. When  
the problem of supplying the suffering women and children in Czechoslovakia  
with the most vital necessities arose, they worked like true Vcelky (Bees).  
They made all of these sacrifices willingly and gladly in the knowledge  
that they were contributing to the noblest of causes.

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The last convention again gave proof that our ladies never forget our national and charitable causes. Although the financial resources of the central committee are limited, our schools in Chicago, New York, Cleveland, and many other Bohemian-American communities were remembered with monetary gifts. Hospitals and other humanitarian institutions were also remembered, and we are sure that if prevailing conditions had permitted, still larger sums would have been donated with the same pleasure with which all the charitable work of our women's benevolent organizations is carried on.

Therefore, in this respect the convention fulfilled all expectations, and we presume that as far as internal matters of the organization are concerned, the delegates are returning to their lodges well pleased with the results. During the convention, several days of diligent work were devoted to the task of amending the constitution; and although no radical changes were made, everything which a majority of the delegates desired was achieved. As a matter of fact, no radical changes were needed because the present

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II D 4 constitution fully answers the present requirements as well as  
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the amount of death benefits, etc., were left without change.

Nevertheless, plenty of important work was accomplished by the convention, and the result surely will be viewed with satisfaction by all individual lodges. The delegates acted deliberately, with a proper knowledge of their duties, and, under the able leadership of their prudent chairman and with the help of capable committees, accomplished for the organization all that could have been expected from them.

The central committee of the Jednota Ceskych Dam, which has been located in Chicago during the past six years, will transfer all of its official duties in the near future to the new central committee in New York. Even in this respect the delegates are convinced that the main office during the next six years will be in capable hands. During the past six years, the Chicago central committee correctly and conscientiously performed its duties, and

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it refers to the results of its work with pride. As in the case

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to the Jednota Ceskych Dam, and although the organization was not

endangered as much as some of the men's benevolent organizations,

nevertheless the World War retarded its growth. This was a natural result

of war conditions, but the Jednota Ceskych Dam emerged as strong as ever

and can confidently look toward a better future. When, six years from now,

delegates of the organization come together in their tenth convention, which

will be held in New York, they surely will rejoice in the new successes and

still greater growth of the organization for whose benefit they strove in

the convention which recently adjourned.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 15, 1920.

NINTH CONVENTION OF THE JEDNOTA ČESKÝCH DAM

Yesterday was the last day of the jubilee convention of the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Unity). During the morning session, various important matters were debated, of which the most significant were the creation of a jubilee fund which will be used for organizational purposes, and the appropriation of generous monetary gifts to our Bohemian schools and to many other good causes. The afternoon session was dedicated exclusively to farewells.

The last session of the ninth convention of the Jednota Českých Dam was called to order by the chairman, Sister Bohumila Ludvik, at 9 A. M. After the roll call, proposals of the resolution committee concerning monetary gifts for the benefit of various good causes were read and debated. First it was resolved to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to the jubilee arrangement committee, and then the following monetary gifts were appropriated:

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To the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For the erection of a new building of the Jednota Českých Dam in Chicago, one hundred dollars, (but upon the request of Chicago delegates, the said sum was donated to the Bohemian schools).

To the Bohemian Home in Cleveland, Ohio, one hundred dollars.

To the Bohemian Children's Hospital in Prague, Czechoslovakia, fifty dollars.

To the František B. Zdrubek School in Chicago, fifty dollars.

To Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, fifty dollars.

To poor children in Czechoslovakia, fifty dollars.

To the American Red Cross, fifty dollars.

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To the Federation of Bohemian Free Thought Schools of New York, fifty dollars.

To the Federation of Bohemian Free Thought Schools of Cleveland, Ohio, fifty dollars.

To the Federation of Bohemian Free Thought Schools of St. Louis, Missouri, fifty dollars.

To the Patronage of the Bohemian Free Thought Schools of Cicero, Illinois, twenty dollars.

To the Patronage of Bohemian Free Thought Schools of Baltimore, Maryland, twenty-five dollars.

To the Bohemian school in Edwardsville, Illinois, twenty dollars.

To the Bohemian school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, twenty dollars.

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To the Bohemian school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, twenty dollars.

To the Bohemian school in Racine, Wisconsin, twenty dollars.

To the Bohemian school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, twenty dollars.

To the Bohemian school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, twenty dollars.

To the Bohemian school in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, twenty dollars.

To the Bohemian school in Detroit, Michigan, twenty dollars.

To the Bohemian school in St. Paul, Minnesota, twenty dollars.

To the Bohemian school in East St. Louis, Illinois, twenty dollars.

To the Bohemian suburban schools of Cleveland, Ohio, twenty dollars.

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To the Committee on higher education, twenty dollars.

To the Old People's Home in Brno, Czechoslovakia, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

To Sister Rokusek in recognition of her meritorious work, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

To Sister Wagner, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

To Mrs. Coufal of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the sum of ten dollars.

To the high schools of Jugoslavia, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

To the Immigrants' Home in New York, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

To the Bohemian Free Thought school in Omaha, Nebraska, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

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To the John Huss Memorial Fund in Chicago, Illinois, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

The resolutions committee presented the following resolutions, everyone of which was unanimously approved:

We hereby present to all sisters of the Jednota Českých Dam a resolution approved by the delegates to the ninth convention of the Jednota Českých Dam:

Recognizing the absolute necessity of a strong free thought organization in this country, we recommend that our sisters join the Svaz Svobodomyšlných (Federation of Bohemian Freethinkers) in a body. Let us help to organize it, let us show the world that we are able not only to sustain but also to preserve our Free Thought organization. In unity there is strength and power.

The resolution committee, recognizing the work accomplished by our sokol

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organizations either for our new country, the United States, or our old country, Czechoslovakia, recommends that our sisters and mothers bring up their children in the sokol spirit, because only in a sound body can there be a sound mind.

Another resolution approves the beneficent activity of the American Red Cross and ardently recommends to all the sisters that they become members of this organization and pay one dollar a year.

The chairman, Sister Bohumila Ludvik, mentioned that it would be only proper to give some kind of a compensation to the sister secretary and financial secretary for the use of their homes as offices. Both of these must employ part of their homes to store away the society's documents and office supplies. It was resolved that each of them shall receive the sum of two dollars and fifty cents a month as a rental fee.

The resolutions committee presented a motion that a special organizational

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fund be established which would be used for organization and other purposes directed toward the progress and growth of the group. It was also mentioned that this fund could be used for the purpose of founding and establishing new lodges of the Jednota Českých Dam in the old country if there is such a possibility. For that purpose, one death assessment would be levied once a year on the anniversary jubilee day of the Jednota Českých Dam.

The chairman, Sister Bohumila Ludvik, then gave a detailed explanation of this matter and said that in contacts with our old homeland, only moral invigoration is being sought, and that the establishment of lodges in Czechoslovakia is not considered. Most of the delegates agreed with this proposal, and after a brief debate, the motion was approved. The fund will be known as the Rychlik Jubilee Organization Fund. The fund will be taken care of by a special committee consisting of three members, but all the organization activity will be controlled by the central committee. The special committee will be composed of Sisters Karolina Rychlik, Zeman, and Ruzicka.

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After this important question was settled, various matters were debated. Finally the jubilee arrangement committee was called in to witness the pleasant surprise that had been prepared for them. This arrangement committee consisted of Sisters A. Toužimský, B. Fráňa, V. Vlček, A. B. Churaň, and A. Klička, whose efforts the delegates rewarded with beautiful gifts as a remembrance of the ninth convention. The committee was introduced by Sister Smrček, and the chairman, Sister Bohumila Ludvik, then acknowledged and thanked them for their tireless efforts. Sister A. Toužimský responded for the committee. The session continued until 1 P. M. when the delegates went out for lunch. In the afternoon session the convention was formally adjourned. The chairman, Sister Bohumila Ludvik, cordially thanked the delegates for their sincere efforts and harmonious work which characterized all the proceedings of the convention. Recognition was also manifested for the chairman and other officers of the convention, and a wish that success may follow the new central committee throughout its six-year term of office was expressed.



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Thus ended the significant convention of our largest sisterly organization, a convention which became one of the most important conventions in all its history, because it was combined with the celebration of fifty years of prolific national and humanitarian activity which has made the Jednota Českých Dam one of the principal factors in our national life in the United States.

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE UNIFICATION OF  
BOHEMIAN FRATERNAL BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS

A resolution which was approved at the meeting of the officers of Bohemian fraternal benevolent organizations' lodges, orders, and courts, held under the sponsorship of the unification committee, Thursday, September 9, 1920, at Mr. Novak's, 25th Street and Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, reads as follows:

"Whereas, We recognize the absolute necessity for the unification of Bohemian Free Thought fraternal benevolent organizations into one body;

"Whereas, The unification committee's plan is recommended and in the best interests of members of the above-mentioned organizations;

"Whereas, One of the above-mentioned organizations sent in its application which fundamentally corresponds with the principles of the unification

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committee's plan; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this plan be recommended to the offices of Bohemian fraternal benevolent organizations for approval, and at the same time be it agreed that the unification committee take such action as will be necessary to gain a sufficient number of charter members for a new body which would take in all members of existing organizations whose members decided to participate in the unification; and be it further

"Resolved, That this resolution be drawn up by the secretary of the unification committee and sent to the offices of Bohemian fraternal benevolent organizations and also to our Bohemian newspapers with the request that this resolution be published.

"For the members and officers of the Bohemian fraternal benevolent organizations' lodges, orders, and courts who attended the meeting,

"John Hribal. Acting Chairman,

"Vaclav Havelka, Secretary."

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#### NINTH CONVENTION OF THE JEDNOTA ČESKÝCH DAM

The ninth convention of the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Unity) is nearing the end, and beginning next week the delegates will be able to return to their homes. Yesterday was again a day of diligent work, and the delegates put forth their best efforts to bring the task of amending the constitution to a conclusion and to accomplish this important duty to the satisfaction of all delegates and the entire membership of the organization.

A splendid banquet is being prepared by the Bohemian Sisterhood Society this afternoon in honor of the delegates. The banquet will be held at the Pilsen Park pavilion, and it will be a get-together of members from both sisterly societies and many of their friends, who surely will not forget to attend. The banquet is being arranged by the Illinois grand lodge and includes a splendid program, which is a guarantee of pleasant entertainment. The time of the banquet is set for 2 P. M. and the price of admission is two dollars, which includes everything.

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Yesterday's session was called to order by the chairman, Sister Bohumila Ludvik. After the roll call and the reading and approval of the minutes of the preceding session, the work of amending the constitution commenced again.

First, the articles dealing with the duties of the state grand committee were discussed, and a few of them were amended only slightly. Then the articles dealing with the organization of new lodges were discussed. Several of the articles were amended, but not to a great extent. In the course of the discussion, the matter of permitting the English language to be used in lodge meetings, as was recommended by several lodges, came up. The delegates did not agree to permit the exclusive use of the English language, although they recognized the permissibility of giving the member the opportunity to express herself in the English language and eventually to interpret the proceedings. These articles required a lengthy discussion which was continued in the afternoon session when other articles of the constitution were also debated.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE ILLINOIS GRAND LODGE OF THE  
CESKO-SLOVANSKE PODPORUJICI SPOLKY

The office of the unification committee of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) recently sent out a call to officers of the Bohemian Free Thought benevolent lodges urging them to send their membership applications to a new body which would take over the obligations of those organizations which are willing to unite. The Illinois grand lodge of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky earnestly warns all the officers of our subordinate lodges not to participate in this movement for the following reasons:

The matter of unification is of such importance that it will be necessary to place it before all our members for a decision. No individual lodge or grand lodge has the right to decide upon this matter but must submit itself to a decision of the whole organization. The officers of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky will not allow their names and positions to be used to

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the detriment of the organization or in a way not consonant with its point of view.

The Illinois grand lodge of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky is not against the unification. On the contrary, each action and attitude of the Illinois grand lodge has always been in favor of this cause. As a representative body of the Illinois lodges, it must insist that each step leading toward the accomplishment of this cause must be undertaken within the constitution of our societies and in harmony with the decisions of the whole organization. Every organization must be guided by its regulations; otherwise decadence and disorder will follow. Even if the decisions of the superior bodies or the whole organization were unfavorable to us, we must submit ourselves to the will of the majority as a representative democratic body. Therefore, even in this matter, we must wait for a decision from the national grand lodge or a membership vote or eventually a convention, and up to that time we must refrain from any decisive steps.

We call the attention of the officers of our lodges to the fact that by

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joining a new organization, they work against the organization which they promised to support. We do not doubt that only a few such members could be found in our ranks. We firmly believe that every officer of our organization is an enlightened and conscientious man and will not harm his own organization. Let us work for our principles within our ranks.

The office of the unification committee, and eventually the unification committee itself, went beyond its authority in the organization of a new body, because as far as we know, the lodges and societies who sent their representatives to the unification committee did not authorize in any way the said committee to organize a new body, but to work upon the unification only.

For the Illinois Grand Lodge of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky:  
Otto Pergler, president, V. K. Soukup, secretary.

Members of the resolution committee: Jan Pecha, Jos. A. Smejkal, Joseph Jurka.

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The delegates to the ninth convention of the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Unity) gave up half a day of their regular work and spent a few hours visiting the Bohemian National Cemetery and the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. Ever since the very beginning of these important charitable institutions, the Jednota Českých Dam has been their greatest supporter and benefactor. By its generous and never-ceasing donations, the Jednota has helped to build, maintain, and secure the existence and future of these institutions. Therefore, yesterday's visit to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage was of great significance, and it is necessary to mention that even on this occasion, the generosity of our ladies was again manifested. The ladies were cordially welcomed by the management, and the inmates and delegates from other cities were pleasantly surprised by the growth and development of these institutions. While at the

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III C Bohemian National Cemetery, the delegates visited and placed a wreath  
IV upon the grave of their late chairman, Sister Klára M. Klaus.

Then the ladies were entertained at the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, and the excursion, as a whole was pleasant in every respect.

Yesterday's session was called to order by Sister Bohumila Ludvík at 9 A. M. with all the delegates present.

The secretary, Sister Anna Štolfa, read the congratulatory communications.

Then the minutes of the preceding session were read and approved after a few minor changes.

Then the articles referring to the duties of the central committee were debated. All of these articles were accepted almost without any change. The article referring to the duties of the treasurer was amended and reads that

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IV central committee.

Surety for the secretary of the central committee was stipulated at \$500, financial secretary at \$1,000, and surety for the treasurer at \$7,000, which is \$2,000 more than the present stipulation. This increase had been recommended by the present treasurer. Surety for the first member of the board of trustees was set at \$500; for the second member at \$200.

Compensation for the officers of the central committee was stipulated as follows: the chairman, \$150; vice-chairman, \$50; secretary, \$500; financial secretary, \$650; treasurer, \$75. To members of various committees, an increase of five dollars was allowed.

Further, the articles referring to the state grand committee's duties were discussed.

In the meantime, Dr. Jaroslav E. Vojan and Mr. V. Čada appeared at the

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III C session as representatives of the Federation of Bohemian Freethinkers,  
IV in order to address the delegates. Both gentlemen congratulated the ladies at the convention and expressed their gratitude for all that has been done by the Jednota Českých Dam for the benefit of the Free Thought movement. They also mentioned the National Tax of Freethinkers, which will be collected next month, and expressed the hope that the Bohemian women will also perform their duties. Doubtless, this matter will be discussed by the resolution committee.

The session adjourned at noon.

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One of the most important decisions of the ninth convention of the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Unity) was not to change the present table of death rates and to continue the eight-hundred dollar death benefits without alteration. Debates about this article of the constitution started shortly before the morning session adjourned. Previously, the delegates discussed various articles of the constitution with reference to death benefits, etc.

Sister Bohumila Ludvik, chairman, called the morning session to order at 9 A. M. All of the delegates and officers were present, and soon afterward further corrections and amendments to the constitution were discussed. The work is lightened to a certain extent by the fact that the proposals of various lodges were printed and sent to each delegate. Therefore, each delegate is well acquainted with what the various lodges recommend, and the proceedings of the convention are carried out accordingly.

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Articles referring to the sick benefits were not altered to a great extent, and most of the articles were left alone or corrected only slightly. A member is entitled to a sick benefit if she is ill for a period longer than eight days. The sick benefit starts from the day of the presentation of a doctor's certificate. If a member has not paid her lodge dues, she can do so at the time of the next meeting. However, in such cases the financial secretary is not permitted to receive the money at her home before the meeting is held. The amount of the sick benefit is governed by the bylaws, with the exception of the main regulations, according to which a full amount of sick benefit is paid out for a period of three months. This is followed by one half of the amount and later on a member is entitled to twenty-five cents a week. A lengthy debate followed the question of what would be done in cases where a member was sent to an insane asylum. The delegates, from experience gained in their own respective lodges, referred to many cases when not only a sick benefit had been involved, but also a question of what should be done when a member cannot pay her dues and there is nobody who would be willing to pay for her. Finally it was agreed that the only solution in

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similar cases would be to let the lodge pay her dues, which of course would be considered only as a loan and which, in case of death, would be deducted from the death benefit.

Further, the question of certificates of transfer was discussed. The certificates of transfer can be issued for a period of not more than one year, and upon receipt thereof, the member must pay the sum of ten dollars. If a member intends to leave the United States, she can obtain a traveling certificate at the nominal cost of two dollars to cover the running expense, but she is not entitled to a sick benefit. At the time when the certificate of transfer is issued, a member must submit to a physical examination; and if she is not recommended by the examiner, she may return to her own lodge.

The sum of twenty-five cents must be paid for the examiner's certificate, of which ten cents goes to the lodge and fifteen cents to the central committee. A member wishing to make a change in her beneficiary is required to pay the sum of forty cents.

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A member who has not paid up her dues at the time of the quarterly meeting may be, if the lodge decides to do so, reminded of her duty by a registered letter, and the expense connected with this action will be added to her debt. A period of one month is allowed for the payment of delinquent dues. If a member fails to do so in the time required, then the member should be expelled.

The article concerning meetings was amended in the sense that only members of the lodge will be admitted to the annual meeting.

Then the question of death benefits came up and was debated. Individual lodges presented the following amendments to this article of the constitution.

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The delegates recommended that the present articles concerning the death benefits be kept in force without change, because it would be almost impossible to make any changes under the present charter of the organization.

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Any important change in these articles might be followed by an official order to establish a new table of rates, which of course would result in much unpleasantness and eventually in another special convention.

All these circumstances were brought up by Sisters Anna Stolfa, Vojtišek, and Liška, who all seemed to agree that it will be in the best interests of the organization if the present articles are kept unchanged. A motion to that effect was made and passed, and soon afterward the session adjourned.

In the afternoon session, the delegates debated mostly on the matter of orphanage funds and other matters with reference to the payment of death benefits as mentioned heretofore. The afternoon session was somewhat shorter because of an excursion to the Pilsen Brewing Company which, according to the program, had been scheduled for 4 P. M. This excursion was arranged by, and the delegates were guests of, the Pilsen Brewery Ladies' Association, whose members are also members of the Jednota Českých Dam. The delegates were

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cordially welcomed and escorted through the whole plant, and then enjoyed the reception which was arranged in their honor.

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NINTH CONVENTION OF THE  
JEDNOTA CESKYCH DAM  
Delegates Work Diligently on Amendments  
to the Constitution

A week of urgent work commenced yesterday for the delegates to the convention of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Unity). The brilliant days of the golden jubilee celebration being over, the convention set about its work again, and a whole week will be devoted to consultations and to amendments to the constitution. Apparently it will take a great deal of work, because each article of the constitution is being considered, each article is being discussed by many of the delegates, and therefore it is certain that the convention will last until next Tuesday as the program indicates.

Yesterday's session was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by the chairman, Sister

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Bohumila Ludvik. Almost all of the delegates were present. The chairman then mentioned the death of Vaclav Snajdr, Nestor of Bohemian-American journalists, who also did a considerable service for the Jednota Ceskych Dam at the time when the order was just established. The delegates showed respect to his memory by rising.

Because the printed minutes could not be delivered in time, the reading of Saturday's minutes was postponed until later, when they were approved with minor corrections necessitated chiefly by typographical errors.

The secretary, Sister Anna Stolf, then read many congratulatory communications from the following societies: [Translator's note: Names of societies have been omitted in translation.]

The work on amendments to the constitution was begun Saturday, and several

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articles were approved or in some cases slightly altered.....

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The afternoon session was called to order at 2 P. M. and the following congratulatory communications were read:....

After the reading of congratulatory communications, the delegates began working on amendments. Under the able leadership of the chairman, Sister Bohumila Ludvik, and with the harmonious co-operation of all the delegates and officers of the convention, the work proceeded smoothly. The above-mentioned constitutional changes are not of very much importance to our people, because in most cases they are not drastic. But even in this regard it is apparent that all the delegates do their best to see that each amendment or each correction is properly considered with greatest regard for the benefit of the whole organization. So far, the results of the convention bear out the evidence that

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each change and amendment will lead only to the common good, and when the convention comes to a conclusion next week, the delegates will be able to point to all that has been accomplished for the interest of all members of the Jednota Ceskych Dam.

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NINTH CONVENTION AND GOLDEN JUBILEE

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OF THE JEDNOTA CESKYCH DAM

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Festive Reception for the Delegates

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That the delegates to the conventions of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies' unity) are always welcome guests in Chicago was proved at Saturday's reception held at the Pilsen Park pavilion, where the 144 delegates from fourteen states were greeted by hundreds of people. Long before the program started, every seat was occupied and more and more people were still coming in. At exactly 8:30 P.M. the orchestra played the American and then the Bohemian national anthem, after which Mrs. Albina Touzimsky, chairman of the arrangement committee, greeted the delegates and expressed the hope that the results of the convention would be for the benefit not only of the Jednota Ceskych Dam, but also of our nation and our native land.

The second speaker of the evening, Mrs. Marie Smrcek, chairman of the Illinois grand committee, welcomed the delegates in the name of the Illinois grand lodge

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III B 2 and in the name of all sisters who are organized in the Jednota Ceskych  
II D 4 Dam. She said that as a result of the convention, the now-existing  
II D 5 friendship among the sisters will be strengthened, and she also proudly  
III H referred to the glorious past of the Jednota Ceskych Dam. The speaker  
firmly believes and hopes that the Jednota Ceskych Dam will soon have  
25,000 members, and she urged the delegates to do their best to reach this goal.

Mrs. Bohumila Ludvik, chairman of the central committee, was the third speaker of the evening. She also mentioned the fact that the Jednota Ceskych Dam could proudly boast about the results of the work which has been accomplished. The ninth convention of the Jednota Ceskych Dam again means more hard work, but it should not be forgotten that work is the best remedy and best doctor for all kinds of ailments. Therefore, the speaker urged all the sisters not to be afraid of this work, inasmuch as it is being done not only for the Bohemian people of America, but also for our dear Czechoslovak Republic. The speaker concluded her speech by saying, "Let us unite and work, and we shall be happy and prosperous."

Mrs. Alzbeta Lisy, chairman of the grand committee of the Sesterska Podporujici



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II D 4 evening. In her speech she mentioned that today the eyes of the  
II D 5 Bohemian people of America are again focused upon Chicago, and that  
III H proceedings of the convention will be followed by all of Bohemian-  
America. On behalf of the Sesterska Podporujici Jednota, she congrat-  
ulated the Jednota Ceskyh Dam for the work which was accomplished and for the  
results achieved.

All of the speakers, at the conclusion of their addresses, extended their best wishes to the convention. They all paid special attention to the honorary chairman, Sister Karolina Rychlik of Cleveland, Ohio, who was present. Following the speeches, Mrs. Albina Touzinsky, chairman of the arrangement committee, invited Mrs. Karolina Rychlik to the stage to introduce herself to the audience. But Mrs. Rychlik, because of her innate modesty, absolutely refused to do so; and although urged by the audience, she spoke only a few words from the floor and wished the convention the best of success.

Then one delegate from each of the fourteen states was introduced. All of these

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III B 2 delegates transmitted greetings from the sisters of their respective  
II D 4 states and extended their gratitude for the enthusiastic welcome. They  
II D 5 all paid tribute to the oldest member and founder of the Jednota Ceskych  
III H Dam, Mrs. Karolina Rychlik, and wished the best of success to the ninth  
convention. Then musical and vocal numbers followed, after which an in-  
formal dance took place.

It was a pleasing sight to see so many ladies enjoying themselves. There were ladies whose temples are already as white as pure melted silver and who are the pillars and founders of the Jednota Ceskych Dam. Alongside of them were the graceful figures of beautiful maidens who are the new and promising boughs of this organization. And all these are firmly united by one beautiful thought-- to work for the benefit of their society and for the noble aims which the organization follows.

Golden Jubilee of the Jednota Ceskych Dam

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ukol svůj vyplní zcela!"

(Only in knowledge and culture

Woman's might will mature.

Only a woman strong in spirit and will

Is fully able her duty to fulfill.)

Motto of the Jednota Ceskych Dam.

Fifty years of tireless, unselfish, and fruitful work dedicated exclusively to the cause of the enlightenment of our people and to humanity received recognition yesterday at the golden jubilee celebration of the Jednota Ceskych Dam. This organization during the past fifty years has developed into one of our largest and most powerful national institutions. Today the organization has 25,071 sincere and enthusiastic members, thus surpassing even the oldest Bohemian fraternal society, the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies).

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III B 2 Fifty years, half of a century--how work makes the time fly! When

II D 4 an ordinary man reaches his fiftieth year, he is at the zenith of

II D 5 his creative power; he has reached the dividing line after which as

III H a rule, his physical power and mental elasticity slowly decline. But

the fiftieth anniversary of the Jednota Ceskych Dam seems to prove just the opposite. It is irrefutable proof that the Jednota Ceskych Dam was founded on an absolutely sound foundation and its continued growth is indicative of a great future. Yesterday's celebration, because of the enormous attendance and joyous mood of all those who were present, was plain proof that the far-reaching roots will not permit the enormous tree to perish. The unceasing growth of new shoots and branches is proof that the tree is full of healthy and flowing sap and that it is able to live for a long, long time. And that surely is the sincere wish of every Bohemian-American, inasmuch as it would be not only for the benefit of our countrymen who live here, but for the benefit of our whole nation.

The thought of establishing the Jednota Ceskych Dam originated on September 25, 1870, at the time of the erection of a new Bohemian hall known as Slovanska Lipa (Slavonic Linden) in Cleveland, Ohio. The idea took root and began to grow.

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Several of our sincere patriots drew up plans, and soon afterward the idea was realized. In the early days progress, of course, was difficult and laborious but consequently on a firmer and more substantial basis. At that time our countrymen were not united, especially our women, because they saw no necessity for organization.

It was in the year 1873 when the first ladies' society bearing the name "Libuse" was founded. The first meeting of this society was held at the home of Mr. Vaclav Rychlik, a well-known patriot in Cleveland, Ohio. His wife, Mrs. Karolina Rychlik, was one of the founders of this society. She alone lived long enough to see today's festive days, and she outlived all those other dear sisters with whom, at the time of that memorable meeting, she promised to work for the success of the newly founded society and also for the benefit of all the Bohemian people in the United States. The above named lady participated in yesterday's celebration as a delegate of the lodge Vlastenka No. 42, of which she also was a founder.

During the whole course of its existence the society has lived up to the motto

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III B 2      quoted above. Therefore, in the first place the society propagated en-  
II D 4      lightenment among its own members and also among women's circles in  
II D 5      general. At the same time, the society strove to awaken the love for  
III H      spiritual and national independence.

It is still remembered in our recent struggle for independence, a great task fell upon the Jednota Ceskyeh Dam and that this society deserves a great deal of credit for the achievement of its aim. Members of the Jednota Ceskyeh Dam were ready to help on any occasion with any project for our national cause, and more enthusiastic and willing workers could not have been found. And when the goal was achieved, when the sun of liberty rose over our dear homeland, members of the Jednota Ceskyeh Dam did not cease working and did not take their deserved rest. They knew very well that liberty alone, although it makes a man happy, cannot feed mankind, and that further work would be necessary. Therefore, it was they who again came to the front when the questions arose of how to help the poorest of the poor and how to help our suffering countrymen beyond the ocean.

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III B 2 And with same energy and devotion, the ladies of this organization are  
II D 4 supporting the most important and most necessary part of our national  
II D 5 life in America--our Bohemian schools. Many of our national projects  
III H would never have been accomplished, at least not so easily and success-  
fully, if our Jednota Ceskych Dam had not taken part. Therefore, the  
society is not only significant as one of our most important and largest benev-  
olent societies, but it was, it is, and it will be one of our largest national  
institutions whose co-operation can be counted on by any of our national, cul-  
tural, and charitable projects. In the history of Bohemian people in America,  
the most honorable place will be reserved for the Jednota Ceskych Dam because  
of its activities.

As far as yesterday's golden jubilee celebration is concerned, it is necessary to mention beforehand that if the celebration was not one of the most beautiful ever held here, it surely was one of the most sincere. At some moments there was hardly a person whose eyes were not dimmed by tears of emotion. The beginning of the celebration, when the elderly Mrs. Karolina Rychlik was escorted through a lane of sisters of the various lodges while the band played the American

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III B 2 national anthem, was in itself grand. Mrs. Karolina Rychlik was in-  
II D 4 troduced by Mrs. Marie Smrcek, chairman of the grand committee of the  
II D 5 State of Illinois. She then addressed the gathering, and in her very  
III H fine speech which was delivered in an extraordinarily resonant voice,  
she recollected times long past. What was most surprising was the  
unusual liveliness and sprightly spirit which she manifested. She at once be-  
came the darling of all her sisters and of the entire gathering, and it can be  
said that almost the whole course of the ensuing program turned into enthusiastic  
homage to this aged but still active founder of the Jednota Ceskych Dam, who was  
forced to accept thanks for all those dear ones who worked with her in the organ-  
ization of the society. She also encouraged her fellow sisters to further un-  
ceasing work, and in conclusion she wished the best of success to her organization.

Then the most beautiful number of the program, the initiation of a newly founded  
jubilee lodge Klara M. Klaus, followed. Because this new lodge already has fifty-  
four enthusiastic members who, as it appears, are eager to tackle the society's  
work, a promising future is predicted for it.



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III B 2 After the usual course of the initiation ceremony, Mrs. Bohumila Ludvik,  
II D 4 chairman of the executive committee of the Jednota Ceskych Dam, an-  
II D 5 nounced that the husband of the late Mrs. Klara M. Klaus, in memory of  
III H his never-to-be-forgotten wife, donated the sum of one hundred dollars  
to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, one hundred dollars to  
the fund for the erection of a new home for the Jednota Ceskych Dam, one hundred  
dollars to the Children's Hospital of Prague, Czechoslovakia, one hundred dollars  
for the Children's Hospital of Cernovice, Czechoslovakia, and one hundred dollars  
to the newly organized lodge Klara M. Klaus, No. 145, of the Jednota Ceskych Dam.  
The same lodge received a gift of ten dollars from Mr. Emil Ruzek, fifty dollars  
from the Illinois grand lodge, fifty dollars from the Ohio grand lodge, and many  
other monetary presents from various grand lodges. Then the rest of the numbers  
of the program followed.

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With the singing of the national anthem, "Hej Slovane" (Ho, All you Slavs),  
this beautiful celebration came to an end. But it will be remembered for a long,  
long time by all those who attended.

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THE JEDNOTA CESKYCH DAM CONVENTION  
The First Session

The delegates of 144 lodges of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies Unity) convened yesterday morning to open the first session of this powerful women's organization. Almost all the delegates were present at the opening of the convention. Proceedings of the first session were characterized by harmony and evident desire of all the delegates to see that the results bring the greatest benefit to the organization.

Sister Bohumila Ludvik [sister is an appellation commonly used among members of this organization], chairman of the central committee, opened the convention and greeted the delegates, mentioning the importance of the work which is ahead of them. Then she briefly reported on the activities of the organization since its last convention and spoke of the progress which had been achieved in spite of all the unfavorable conditions. She also encouraged the delegates to harmonious and energetic work which will lead the organization to further success

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and new achievement.

The present officers of the central committee were appointed officers of this convention: Sister Bohumila Ludvik, chairman; Sister Anna Stolfa, secretary; Sister Alzbeta Lisy, financial secretary; Sister Marketa Stuchlik, treasurer; Sister Barbora Sinkule, sergeant at arms. Sister Karolina Rychlik was elected honorary chairman, and Sister Amalie Janis of St. Louis, Missouri, past chairman.

Sisters Marie Stepanek, Bozena Stolfa, and Marie Ruzicka were appointed members of the committee on credentials. This committee reported soon afterward that all the credentials were found to be correct, and all the delegates were pronounced official delegates of their respective lodges.

Sisters Anna Stolfa, secretary; Alzbeta Lisy, financial secretary; and Marketa Stuchlik, treasurer; then presented their detailed reports of activities of the organization since the previous convention. The reports showed the excellent financial standing of the organization and gave proof of its growth and progress.

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The delegates heard with satisfaction the report of the present central committee which, during its whole term of office, worked with all its might to enable the Jednota Ceskych Dam to continue to grow and be one of our largest national and benevolent associations.

Then members of various committees were appointed as follows: Members of the resolutions committee: Sisters Turecek, Petrzilka, Prosek, Zeman, Liska, Havranek, and Lala; members of the ways and means committee: Sisters Brejcha, Vohanka, Chleborad, Zikmund, and Rypka; members of the auditing committee: Sisters Vojtisek, Huspaska, and Viskovsky. [Translators note: There follows a long list of members of the committee on the constitution and bylaws.]

Originally the intention of the delegates was to do only the most urgent work on the first day of the convention, and that was to organize the convention and to appoint various committees. But because Sunday was to be devoted to the golden jubilee celebration and Monday to the excursion, it was decided to hold an afternoon session and accomplish as much as possible. Therefore, the session continued in the afternoon; and when the delegates convene again next Tuesday,

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it will be possible for them to proceed much faster. After yesterday's session ended, the delegates went to their homes and then met again in the evening at the Pilsen Park pavilion where a reception was held in their honor.

A brilliant celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Jednota Ceskych Dam will be held at the Pilsen Park pavilion this afternoon. It is expected that not only members of the organization, but also a large number of our people who recognize the merits of this great organization will attend. For this celebration an interesting program has been prepared which will surprise everybody. A new lodge bearing the name of the late chairman, Klara ... Klaus, will be initiated as a part of the many other numbers on the program. The celebration will start at 2 P.M., and after the program is finished, an informal entertainment and dance will take place. In view of the significance of the golden jubilee of our oldest and largest ladies' organization, and in view of the priceless, meritorious work which the organization has accomplished for the American branch of the Bohemian nation during the past fifty years of its existence, the golden jubilee should be a celebration of not only the Jednota Ceskych Dam, but of all Chicago Bohemians.

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UNIFICATION OF BOHEMIAN FREE THOUGHT  
BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES

The untiring committee which had been authorized to carry through the preliminary work for the unification of all Bohemian Free Thought benevolent societies of America into one great and powerful body has almost accomplished its task. It hereby notifies all the grand lodges of the organizations concerned that it is now up to them to make the next important move. For that purpose the unification committee prepared a proclamation which has been sent to all the organizations concerned and which speaks for itself. In spite of the fact that the problem of unification had recently been pushed aside by other events and problems which won a place on the front pages of our daily newspapers, it does not follow that it had lost its urgency.

Several times we had an opportunity to point out that imperative economic reasons speak for unification, even if other equally important

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reasons are not taken into consideration. Several times we had an opportunity to refer to the fact that the favorable attitude toward unification among the members of the benevolent societies is not fully comprehended by the officers of the grand lodges. So far, none of the officers in charge of the benevolent societies have directly repudiated the proposed unification, but on the other hand, it cannot be denied that some of them have worked against it secretly.

Now the time has come to discuss the matter publicly. The unification committee has put its cards on the table and is asking everybody else who is interested to do the same. The time for successful dodging has passed. The proclamation of the unification committee reads as follows:

"Since the time when the authorized committee for the unification of all Bohemian Free Thought benevolent societies published its last report, the

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members of the committee expected to hear from individual organizations as to how far they have progressed with the unification work. This was to apply especially with reference to some of the organizations which desired to have a statement of the value of certificates of other organizations before they would approve and agree to unite. In view of all other circumstances which prevented this desirable unification from becoming a reality, the members of the committee arrived at the decision that it would be necessary to prepare a new constitution and a new table of rates, and to figure out the benefits to members who would make payments according to the new rating. These benefits would be in the form of paid-up certificates according to the accumulated surplus which is provided for by state laws governing the business of fraternal benevolent societies.

"The unification committee, through its subcommittees, prepared only the formal proposals for a new constitution and rituals, and left the task of preparing the estimates of new table rates and terminal valuation of certifi-

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cates to an accredited actuary in order to prevent all possible doubt in the future about the absolute reliability of the estimates.

"The various subcommittees present their reports and recommendations for correction and approval at every regular meeting of the unification committee, and all the preliminary work is nearing completion. After this preliminary work is completed and approved by the unification committee, the result will be submitted to the convention of representatives of the organizations concerned for approval.

"In order to accomplish this unification under the existing state laws, it will be necessary that such a new organization acquire a charter, or permit, to conduct the business of fraternal benevolent societies. In order to acquire this permit, it will be necessary to have at least five hundred applications of charter members. Every one of these charter members must be

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examined and recommended by a physician. Only after such a permit to conduct business is acquired will the new organization be entitled to take over the responsibility and risk of the present societies, and therefore it will be necessary, first of all, to satisfy this requirement.

Members of the existing societies will be accepted as a whole according to the valuation of their present certificates. The valuation of their certificates will be adjusted by a hired actuary, and each member will be credited with a determinate amount. Each member will have the right to select a new policy best suited to his purpose--either a straight life policy, an endowment policy, or one which would include an old-age pension. The rates on such new policies will be adjusted according to the age of the applicant at the time when such change is made, and according to his share of the surplus of his society which joined the new organization as a group. No one will be forced to change his policy if the present one is satisfactory to him. He will continue to make payments according to the present rates, but under

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the condition that each year he will be forced to pay additional amounts needed to assure the payment of such policies. Members who select new policies according to the newly adjusted table of rates will be separated into one class, but members who keep their present policies will have their own accounts in order to avoid the risk of keeping this class of policies in force.

"From this it is apparent that each member will be treated justly and will receive his due share of the accumulated surplus of his society according to the duration of his membership. The new table of rates is based on the American Experience Table Rates which, in many cases, are lower than the existing rates of some of the societies concerned. It is apparent that the new rates are sufficient for any benevolent society if they are established right from the start.

"In order to make any advancement of preliminary work possible, we ask the

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grand lodge officers to urge their members, especially the officers of subordinate lodges here in Chicago, to send in their applications in order to become charter members of the new organization. From these applicants, temporary officers will be selected to take care of the unification until the time when a joint convention is called. The convention will be called as soon as the applications of those societies which are really interested in the unification are received.

"With fraternal respect for the unification committee:

"Anton J. Zahrobsky, Chairman,

"Vaclav Havelka, Secretary."

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FROM THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

The directors of the Bohemian Charitable Association held their monthly meeting on Friday, February 2, 1920. Mr. Stanislav J. Loula, presiding..... The total receipts in this meeting amounted to \$577.50. The total expenses for the poor were as follows: For rents \$169.50, for fuel \$12.60, for food \$55.50, for clothes \$11.98, other relief \$5.50. Total \$255.08. For one Bohemian family whose four children died after being stricken with influenza, within the short period of three weeks, \$20.00 for relief.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF  
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The Hubbard Memorial Church, 2520 South Lawndale Avenue, was the place in which the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bohemian Charitable Association held their annual meeting in the month of January [exact date not given]. Mrs. Mary Krupka, the re-elected chairman, presided. She thanked the members for their collaboration last year, and expressed hope that their performance would be repeated in the coming year.

A motion picture exhibition, for which the hall and all the other necessary equipment were loaned by Mr. Václav Dibelka without any charge; various gifts and collections, arranged among the members, brought a considerable amount of money into the treasury. The Strawberry Festival, so popular and delightful among our public, also yielded a nice profit, as did the assessments and the membership fees. The total receipts represented the sum of \$930.79. Our expenses, with all the different kind of charities

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donated, amounted to \$467.25, and the sum of \$400 was handed

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over by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the treasury of the Bohemian Charitable Association.

Our ladies were also very active in seeing that the ball arranged by the Bohemian Charity Association was a great success. This yielded more than \$1,500.

In spite of all this work, the Ladies' Auxiliary did not forget that in the far off old country of ours the hands of innocent and unhappy children, victims of the War, are extended to us, asking for help, and, therefore, during the month of May sent to them the following articles: fifty-seven aprons, eighty-seven suits, sixty bundles of calico of from eight to ten yards each, eight bundles of flannel, eight yards each, thread, tape, forty-eight dozen fleece-lined union suits, thirty dozen overalls, twelve dozen small caps, forty-nine large caps, thirteen pairs of shoes, and one thousand bars of soap. We made most of the dresses and aprons ourselves. The total value

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of these shipped articles was \$372.50. To this amount, Mr. Joseph Dušek, well-known philanthropist, contributed the sum of one hundred dollars; Mrs. Josephine Lorinek donated a beautiful fur, which, after being auctioned, brought one hundred and fifteen dollars; Messrs. J. J. Lalla and A. Krupka sent one hundred dollars worth of soap, and the rest was raised by various collections among the ladies. The Ladies' Auxiliary thanks all the donors and patrons who collaborated with them last year, and begs for continued support.

For next year, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Marie Krupka, president; Mrs. Terezie Hájíček, vice-president; Mrs. Antonie Lybic, secretary; Mrs. Františka Stejskal, accountant; and Mrs. Sophia Areml, treasurer.



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[ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS]

Mr. Václav Fisher, well-known restaurateur, remembered the good and unselfish work of the Czechoslavonic Aid Committee with a gift of \$15.00.

Mrs. Marie Jankovsky, 3661 So. Ogden Avenue, a woman cruelly stricken by fate when her son was shot last year by unknown assailants, and her husband died after a long illness, visited our office and asked us how she should divide twenty dollars, which she had in her possession, for a good cause. Out of this sum, fifteen dollars was collected among the members of the Irma Geisl lodge, of the Bohemian Ladies' Association, and five dollars she donated herself. On our recommendation, she decided to donate ten dollars to the Czechoslavonic Aid Committee, and ten dollars to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. She left the money with us, and we will forward it to the above named societies.

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We wish to thank the donors in the name of the endowed societies, and we hope that many of our countrymen will follow this example.

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STANDPOINT OF THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF THE CZECHO-  
SLAVONIC BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES CONCERNING THE  
UNIFICATION OF ALL CZECH BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES

The National Grand Lodge of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies, in its meeting held on December 3, 1919, discussed all points and forms of a proposal for the unification committee, and sent to us by that committee, that we might accept it without change.

After a thorough consideration of the separate sections and the proposal as a whole, the acceptance of the proposals was voted upon and unanimously turned down, or rather rejected for the following reasons:

The sixteenth convention of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies held last year agreed in its resolutions that those societies in favor of the unification, should employ or hire expert actuaries, so their financial standing, strength, valuation of certificates, average age, and any other



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requested details are known, and the existence of any society, favoring the unification will not be threatened.

After this is accomplished, a convention of elected delegates from each society should be held to take the following into consideration:

- (1) By-laws of the new society.
- (2) To prepare identical average rates.
- (3) To prepare sickness and accident benefits.
- (4) To set a limit on the death benefits.
- (5) To prepare an average reserve fund.
- (6) To take care of all other details, which would insure the life and



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existence of all the united societies.

The unification committee of Chicago approved this agreement as we were informed in a letter sent to us by brother Fr. Strunc, dated July 4, 1919, as follows:

"In the committee for a unification, all these following societies are represented: Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies (Česko Slovanské Podporující Jednoty), Czecho-Slavonic Brotherhood Benevolent Societies (Česko Slovanské Bratrské Podporující Jednoty), Taborite Society (Jednota Táboritu), Bohemian-American Foresters (Jednota Česko Amerických Lesníků a Lesnic), Czecho-Slavonic Society (Česko Slovanské Jednota), Bohemian-American Society (Česko Americká Jednota), Czecho-Slavonic Ladies Benevolent Society (Česko Slovanská Dámská Podporující Jednota).

"In the last meeting of this committee, it was decided to request all of these Grand Lodges, including even those which did not approve the



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unification, to report the number of their members, tables of rates, certificates from the State Commissioner, the limit of death benefits, reserve funds, in short everything that would be useful in preparing the skeleton of unification, which afterward would be placed before the members for ratification."

This was agreed on by the unification committee of Chicago, but afterward laid aside, which is apparent from a motion of the unification committee, published in our latest monthly journal.

The agreement of the sixteenth convention of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies was made on the foundation of the law, to which the Chicago committee refers as the so-called "Mobile Bill," which expressly reads:

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"No domestic society shall unite or accept transferred members, or receive any funds of any other society, unless this unification was approved by a written contract, containing all the circumstantial details of this unification and transfer and sent to a Superintendent of Insurance of that certain state, together with a verified financial standing of each of said societies, made out and sworn to by the President and Secretary or similar officials, with a certificate of these officials, verifying that this unification or transfer was approved by at least two-thirds of the members or governing body of each of the said societies.

"The state Superintendent of Insurance, after receiving said contract, financial standing and certificates, shall examine everything and finding that each financial statement is correct and said contract meets all the requirements of this section, and that such unification or transfer is honest and just to all members of each of said societies, he shall approve this unification and contract, and shall issue a proper certificate, after which said contract for unification or transfer is in force and valid.



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"In case such contract is not approved, contents of such contract shall not be revealed by the state Superintendent of Insurance."

As is evident, the societies and members are protected by a state law in case of unification, so that no loss is suffered by them. It could easily happen that the unification of some societies could completely ruin the existence of a society, originated from this unification.

Nevertheless, the unification committee of Chicago proposes to unite all the members of these societies into one society. The National Lodge of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies cannot, and will not agree to form such a new society, because it is governed by resolutions so distinctly expressed in the sixteenth convention of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies.

Furthermore, the National Grand Lodge of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies, according to the law, cannot take over or transfer the members or funds of other societies, until the time when such unification is approved.





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by the state Superintendent of Insurance. This applies to all others, and no society can transfer its funds into a corporation which is in formation only.

What we can do is to follow the resolutions of the convention of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies, based on the law called "Mobile Bill," and forego the transferring of our funds into the hands of others until the unification is carried through in the joint convention and approved by the State Department of Insurance.

We repeat our expression published in our monthly journal, and also sent to the unification committee of Chicago during the month of September, addressed to its secretary, brother Fr. Ort: Decidedly and sincerely we are in favor of bringing this important matter to a happy, safe, and successful end.

We request, therefore, in determination, that the National Grand Lodge be



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not suspected of opposing unification of the other Bohemian (Czech) benevolent societies with the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies.

The National Grand Lodge of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies is acknowledging the work of the unification committee of Chicago, because this preliminary work makes the forward movement more easy, but still we declare that not until the financial standing, strength, valuation of certificates, average age of members, and any other requested details indicated in the last convention of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies are known, we refuse to participate in any further dealings.

we would not stand for, nor permit our highly deserving members of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies, who were elected in the sixteenth convention of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies to be altogether ignored.

The National Grand Lodge of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies represents more than twenty-three thousand members, and in this respect



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is duty bound to see to it that it knows the condition, financial standing, average age, etc., of its new associates.

For that reason, we must insist that the convention resolutions of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies be carried out and respected.

How could we take the responsibility for a deed which might be harmful to most of our members? This same responsibility rests upon all the other societies also.

So in respect to this responsibility, to ourselves, and to our members, we must insist on the carrying out of every point of the convention resolutions.

Willingly and sincerely, we want to co-operate within the specified resolutions of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies, but we will not go any other way. We ask that this expression of ours be taken into consideration, and that you will acknowledge our viewpoint as members of the Czecho-Slavonic



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Benevolent Societies in regard to the unification as just.

This matter cannot be carried out in an easygoing manner. Where thousands of widows and orphans are concerned, we could easily create a situation where thousands of elderly members would be forced out by high rates. The surviving wives would lose all the benefits for which their husbands have worked by paying dues throughout their whole mature lives.

This standpoint of the National Grand Lodge of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies was unanimously accepted in the meeting of the National Grand Lodge, held on December 3, 1919, and published in our monthly journal.

For the National Grand Lodge of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies.

Signed: K. Bernreiter, president.  
J. V. Lunak, secretary.



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ČESKO SLOVANSKÉ PODPORUJICI SPOLKY  
(CZECHO SLAVONIC BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES)

The Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies of America, founded in St. Louis in 1854, will be sixty-six years old next year. It is interesting to note that as fraternal, benevolent societies they are the oldest in the United States. Such societies as the Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and others are older, in fact, we could trace the first mentioned to the middle ages, but they were not, and even now, are not benevolent societies in the same meaning as the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies. In the American societies, you could compare only the Woodmen, the Royal Arcanum, etc., which are insuring for a certain amount in case of death, with our benevolent societies.

I remember once when an insurance agent from a life insurance company offered me a policy, one of his principal arguments was that no fraternal, benevolent society could survive longer than forty years. According to the best opinions



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of their actuaries, he said it is simply impossible. I told him at that time that I knew of one fraternal, benevolent society older than fifty years, which is still prospering, and was discharging all of its duties to insured brothers. Finally, he admitted that he heard about one existing Bohemian society, but that during the last forty years, many others had discontinued activities.

At that time, the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies were fifty years old, and so far there was not a single legitimate claim which had not been satisfactorily adjusted.

Today, they are more than sixty years old, hoping soon to celebrate their diamond jubilee, and they are still "doing business in the same old place."

In last year's convention, the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies accepted new rates which provided that a member who is eighteen years old and insured for \$1,000 will pay \$1.18 a month; a member forty years old, will pay \$2.56,



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and others accordingly. No one would say that these rates are too high, in fact, they are much smaller, comparing them with the rates of life insurance companies.

The Woodmen of the World, one of the largest fraternal societies in America, founded about thirty years ago, and much younger than the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies, in their last convention "readjusted" the rates so that a member fifty years old will pay \$3.70 a month for a \$1,000 policy; a member sixty years old will pay \$6.14, and a member seventy years old will pay \$11.39 monthly, etc. Another of their new regulations is that these payments must be paid up during the month of January, which means one whole year in advance, so for instance, a member deceased in the month of January will have his assessments paid up for another eleven months, the same as required by insurance companies.

One could understand very readily that these new rates mean a great burden for older members. Not only that, but new readjusted rates for the ages of



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eighteen to forty years are identical with those of the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies.

The Woodmen of the World is a society thirty years old--the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies is sixty-five years old. Anyone who is interested in arithmetic can easily ascertain what rates the Woodmen of the World will have in the next thirty-five years, and compare them with the existing rates of the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies after sixty-five years of existence.

The Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies with their rates are a phenomenon in the history of fraternalism, considering that they are sixty-five years old. It also should be considered that this record has been attained without excluding the so-called hazardous occupations, which is a practice of American societies. The Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies are covering and making no exceptions for members as to "healthy or unhealthy" states. This always should be a credit to them.





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Today, after sixty-five years of existence, having almost the same rates for the average age as the American fraternal society, which is only thirty years old, the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies are prospering, when many other societies after many years of existence have disbanded, or were forced to unite with others. For two-thirds of a century, a fact that the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies were able to give protection to sons and daughters of Bohemian (Czech) origin in the United States is proof that we should be thankful for wise, prudent and economical leadership.

I am not, and do not consider myself as one of the old founders and pioneers of the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies, but I am able to look back after thirty-one years in United States and recall that it was those brothers, active in National or Grand Lodges, who left such an astonishing record of generous, unselfish work for us. Very few of them had a high school education, but they were men of practical ideas, and always ready to offer themselves for action. Seldom elsewhere could we find an example of such



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unselfish service. Material rewards were trivial, but to them it was always a sacrificing, profitless service.

There is still something else about the Woodmen of the World and the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies. Although the grand officers of the first mentioned society were receiving fairly good rewards, the last convention raised their salaries. There are seventeen grand officers. Their salaries amount to \$67,005 yearly, or an average of about \$4,000 per man. This does not mean that each of these seventeen grand officers receives one seventeenth of \$65,000. Some are minor officers, receiving only about \$2,000 a year, but the highest officer--Sovereign Commander--receives \$15,000 or more. These are not the only expenses the Woodmen of the World have in maintaining their main office. These are only the salaries of grand officers, who are directing only. To do the work, they have bookkeepers, accountants, clerks, stenographers, etc. These employees occupy several floors of a big skyscraper.



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What a difference in the main office of the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies! There we have only two officers, receiving only meager salaries for real hard work, while the other help only receive nominal wages.

I do not say that this is just, for were it not for the sacrificing, unselfish service from the beginning of the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies, and through decades, who knows if after sixty-five years of existence the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies could boast of the record that there is not a single legitimate claim which has not been satisfactorily adjusted, and also that its rates will stand comparison with this big American society which is more than thirty years younger.

For the National Grand Lodge of the Czecho Slavonic Benevolent Societies.

Signed: K. Bernreiter, president.  
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### C. S. P. S. RALLY CLOSES

The last session of the sixteenth rally of the C. S. P. S. [Cesko-Slovansky Podporujici Spolek (Czecho-Slav Aid Society)] was held yesterday. The discussions dealt almost exclusively with the selection of a time and place for the next rally. The names of cities suggested were finally narrowed down to Galveston, Texas, and Cleveland, Ohio. The latter city was chosen, and the next conference will be held there four years from now.

The sixteenth rally has not made many changes in the statutes, true enough, but it has made two which are very important. First, it resolved unanimously to combine the brotherhoods in the United States into one body.

This unification is, in spite of the obvious solidarity of the individual organizations, not easy to accomplish. Mere voting cannot accomplish it. The laws of the various states over which the brotherhoods are spread have to be conformed with. It will take considerable time before the various

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lodges will be able to adapt their regulations, which are subject to the laws of the state in which they are organized, to the new conditions. Aided by good will, the organizations will overcome these difficulties.

The second resolution passed was the introduction of a system of child insurance, in a form which has been found satisfactory by a few lodges of the brotherhood. The problem before the organization now is how to gain the largest possible number of children as prospects. The law requires a minimum of 600 children before the insurance is valid.

One resolution was received with great enthusiasm: the decision to give the Czech National Alliance all possible moral and financial support, and also to participate vigorously in any patriotic activity having for its aim the liberation of Czechoslovak lands.

A proposal to support Sokol organizations should also be accepted by every one of the lodges. Generous gifts were bestowed upon the Czech National

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Alliance, the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphan Asylum, Czech schools in America, and various other humanitarian institutions.

This clearly demonstrates that the C. S. P. S. is not merely an aid society, but a national patriotic body as well. These are reasons why the sixteenth rally may be called a memorable one, and will find fullhearted approval on the part of the individual members.

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## THE MERGING OF THE BROTHERHOODS

(Editorial)

An important step has been taken toward the formation of a combine of all the Czech Free Thought brotherhoods in the United States. This was done in yesterday's conference of the C. S. P. S. (Cesko Slovansky Podporujici Spolek--Czecho-Slav Aid Society), which is holding its sixteenth annual rally in Chicago. The final resolutions are expected to be passed in today's session. The friendly reception accorded to delegates of other brotherhoods presages that the merger will become a reality. A final proof of the correctness of this prediction is furnished by the fact that a special committee was appointed which is to deal with the formalities of the transaction.

Under ordinary circumstances a matter such as this would have been taken up by the regular committee on bylaws. The appointment of a special body, at the

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very beginning of the session at that, shows that all the delegates favor the merger and view it as necessary. This sentiment was echoed in the report of the C. S. P. S. executives, from which it is evident that the merger is a foregone conclusion if it depends only upon the C. S. P. S. itself, representing over eighty per cent of the delegates in this rally [the rest belong to other fraternal orders also taking part in the sessions]. The special committee will have to investigate the financial situation of the various brotherhoods that are to join the combine. This is necessary, true enough. It is, however, only of secondary importance in comparison with the outstanding fact that the C. S. P. S., our largest and oldest organization, is promoting the merger on its own initiative, prompted by the sincere desire to benefit the entire fraternal community. The executive report mentioned is printed verbatim elsewhere in this paper.

The plan for a merger originated some time ago but suffered disaster because it was not considered feasible, or it may not have been so pressing as at the

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present time. There were misgivings in the minds of members of the C. S. P. S. itself in former times. This is of course a thing of the past, and there is no doubt that within a short time the Czech-American aid societies will be united, if no serious legal obstacles arise.

The merger is not considered today merely as a fact of moral value and effect. It is a necessity dictated by the present war. There was no need of the merger in former times, either in regard to the financial standing of the fraternal orders or in regard to the number of members. Most of the brotherhoods rested on a sound financial basis and could thus exist as independent, individual organizations. Nor were the ranks of the members threatened with loss. Depleted membership was quickly replaced by newly arriving immigrants. These immigrants do not come today, and there is a slim chance to fill the gaps with our American-born adolescents. The membership gained from the latter lags behind our expectations.

It is not easy to predict what conditions will prevail after the war. A new

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stream of immigrants may come in, but it may not arrive in the first few years. If our hopes for the liberation of our old motherland are fulfilled, there will probably be not only fewer immigrants, but moreover, numerous Czechs here will gratify their desire to return to the old country, especially if economic conditions there are favorable. Also, there will be a dearth of young, able-bodied men, who will be badly needed in Europe after the war, and the various governments there may restrict emigration. Whether these conjectures are verified or not, it is certain that an influx of prospective members is not to be expected, and so the brotherhoods feel compelled to look to the strengthening of their organizations at home.

The merger is, therefore, not a matter of a purely sentimental nature; it is an absolute necessity. All those favoring the merger agree that one large body can better withstand the strain of circumstances than several separate small lodges with forces divided. This opinion is shared by the delegates now in conference and advocating the unification. The initial, most important steps

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in this direction have been taken, which indicates that the merger of our brotherhoods is near. The realization of the idea is not easy, true enough. Many formalities and requirements have to be complied with. The prospect of success, however, is encouraging.

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The Narodni Mlovni Rad, C. S. P. S. [Grand Lodge of the Czechoslovak Podporujici Spolosect (Czech-Slav Aid Society)] recommends a new schedule for dues which is sure to become the subject of serious discussions at the coming general meeting. It proposes that those who became members before the year 1900 be charged with dues according to the age they had reached on January 1, 1900. This would mean that the dues for old members would be raised, yet this measure is considered by experts as necessary. The conclusion was arrived at after examination of figures which showed that the amount paid in was not sufficient to take care of all cases of death, and, furthermore, that the dues paid did not conform with the tables set up as a standard by the Bratrsky Kongres (Brotherhood Congress). As a result of the former conditions, provisions for the security of the insurance have become imperative. Brother Lunak, secretary of the Society, has written a pertinent article about this change

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I G (Slovak) The question of the treatment which should be accorded to members who have enlisted in the United States Army or the Czechoslovak has not yet received conclusive consideration from our brotherhoods and other societies. The Slovak Sokols also are tackling the problem. The Slovensky Sokol (Slovak Sokol), their representative organ, speaks about it in the following editorial [printed in the Slovak language]:

"Officers of our organizations are asking themselves what should be done about members enlisted in Uncle Sam's or the Czechoslovak army. The point is this: Who is to pay their dues? Or should they be dropped from the list of members? To strike out the name of a man who has done his duty as a United States citizen, or who has joined our revolutionary Czechoslovak army, and so is unable to pay dues, would mean to act against any human feeling and to violate Slovak Sokols' principles.

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II D 1 (Slovak) "In correspondence received by us there are alternatives.

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I G (Slovak) membership; second, that the dues in question be paid from  
the lodge treasury; third, that the volunteers' relatives

be approached to pay the dues. Those relatives, however, decline to make 'such great sacrifice'.

"We are not dictating to you what to do. Do not ask your societies what to do with the volunteers. Let your conscience and humane feeling be your guide. Relatives? Why, they are the first to claim death benefits, but for the living man they harbor no such thing as brotherly feelings.

And further, to drop a brother Sokol from membership means to forget that he is the real Sokol, that he gives his life for Sokol ideals--that he left to fight for those very same relatives who refused to pay for him, and also for those Sokol brothers (?) who are ready to strike his name from membership.

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II D 1 (Slovak) "It is impossible to speak to such people of a Slovak's  
II B 3 (Slovak) duty toward his nation, for they are utterly devoid of  
I G (Slovak) human feeling. Meanwhile, the volunteer is fighting in  
France, and drenches the soil with his blood; he dies, or  
returns a cripple. And you will be asking him who had sent him there.  
Shame! To raise a voice against the volunteer!"

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The brotherhood C. S. P. S. [Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost (Czecho-Slav Aid Society)] will hold a meeting for all members this month. All indications show that this will be the largest gathering ever assembled by that oldest and most powerful of our brotherhoods in the United States. Many circumstances contribute to its importance; first of all the advent of the war, which automatically influences the condition of our societies, particularly those whose membership is composed of immigrants **exclusively**.

One of the foremost questions to be discussed in the sessions is the merging of all brotherhoods into one large organization. According to opinions uttered in those circles, the unification is almost certain to be accomplished. The Organ Bratrstva (Organ of the Brotherhood) publishes suggestions for certain important changes, all of which tend to strengthen the C. S. P. S.

The meetings will be held in the Pilsen Sokol Hall, the first being scheduled

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for August 26, and the last for August 31. All states with a C. S. P. S. lodge will be represented. Illinois delegates will be about twenty-five in number.

Brother J. V. Lunak, secretary of the main lodge of the C. S. P. S., advocates, in the Organ, the creation of a special emergency fund, which should prove to be a boon for other lodges also, as it would avert the necessity of special assessments which are mostly, though unjustly, opposed by members. Dr. Lunak says about this matter:

"The laws prescribe that enough should be collected for payment in case of death, and also for the creation of an emergency fund, an auxiliary fund to be used in case of an abnormal death rate. To this end an extra collection is to be made, not exceeding four per cent of the total amount paid out in death benefits during one year. The C. S. P. S. has been collecting only money absolutely needed for the payment of death benefits, and no reserve was accumulated. Consequently, when the death rate was higher than anticipated, there was a shortage

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I G            in the fund for death benefits. This predicament can be overcome only by special assessments or by increasing the present dues by ten per cent. The National Fraternal Congress has issued a chart of payment, providing for an additional payment amounting to four per cent, by which a deficit can be covered. The law demands such an emergency fund, and it should be started by members who have never paid more than was just necessary to secure their death benefit."

The Sokol Slavsky is strongly advocating the erection of the new building for the Czech-English Free Thought School on 18th Street, and assures the enterprise of its full moral and financial support. As we reported before, the board of directors of the School encourages the idea, which has already won favor with the Grand Lodge of the C. S. P. S.

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One of the organs of our brotherhoods publishes a letter from a member wherein the advisability of child insurance is questioned. "Why should I insure my boy? Is it that he will not have to work? Let him shift for himself, just as I had to do. Let him go through the mill." Thus reads the letter.

It is one of the ways people answer when they are asked to take out insurance. If a man has a fortune, and a panic is not expected, then his child may not have to work. How many so situated are there among us? And how many who are just able to support their families decently, but who are not in a position to acquire a house, and own their own home? If not enough is left, the children frequently become beggars or vagrants.

In order to get along today, a man must be well prepared for the vicissitudes

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of life, and the untrained man must give way to the trained, to the virile and vigorous. The immature, undeveloped child will succumb if exposed to hard work.

Every father owes a training to his children, a solid preparation for life. The surest way toward that end is to take out an insurance before death comes. As it may come suddenly, the step should be taken without delay.

According to the latest report of the Cesko Slovenska Jednota (Czecho-Slovak Union), 130 members are in the United States military service. Of these, 35 are insured for \$1000, 57 for \$500, and 38 for \$250, so that their total insurance amounts to \$75,000. This is, however, not a complete report, since a considerable number of members have been recruited recently.

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[THE WORK OF THE VCELKY]

The news spread over all Czechoslovak America last year that the French government permitted the creation of the Czechoslovak Army to fight on the side of the Allies. This meant that Czechs and Slovaks who had been forced to fight on the side of the Central powers and had been taken prisoners by the Allies were released if they joined the Czechoslovak Army. They stand on French soil now, determined to fight for the freedom of our old homeland.

This was the signal for every Czech-American woman to ask herself: "What can I do to help?" The most natural answer was that she should do what the American Red Cross is doing during wartime.

We worked for the American Red Cross in those times and labeled our products as coming from the Czech National Alliance. Therefore, the American Red Cross knows us. We saw, however, that the products of our work had to be delivered to our boys

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in France, that the latter are those to whom the care of the Czech women should be devoted. We acted accordingly. Friends of our boys, particularly all of our associations, supported us in our activities. The bulk of the contributions came to the "Czech California" branch of the Vcelky (Little Bees), at their workshop in the building of the Vojta Naprstek school. At that place the gifts of raw material are distributed among the individual workers.

Numerous entertainments and theatrical performances have been arranged, the proceeds of which are used for the purchase of wool which the Vcelky turn into useful articles for our soldiers.....Our work has gradually been winning recognition. The American Red Cross knows what we are doing for the Czechoslovak Army, and it also knows that we are meeting our obligations to the Red Cross itself.

The work has assumed great proportions, so that the activity of the Little Bees

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is now subordinate to the auxiliary department of the Czech National Council Branch in New York, which is in contact with the American Red Cross. For this reason, we request all our members to build up a great organization for our sacred cause and to enter the ranks of the auxiliary of the Red Cross. This will place us in the front ranks with our boys in France.

Our "Daddy," Professor Masaryk, the "Grand Old Man," leads us all. Thousands of Czech and Slovak lads followed his call by **joining the Czechoslovak Army**. We women are doing the same by **performing the work which those heroes expect of us**.

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NOTES FROM OUR SOCIETIES

In the latest issue of the organ of the Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost (Czecho-Slav Aid Society) [usually abbreviated C. S. P. S.], Brother J. V. Lunak discusses the value of employing organizers. Some time ago, the C. S. P. S. decided that an organizer was not necessary. Mr. Lunak points to the big insurance companies, which spend very large amounts for salaries and commissions for their agents and prosper in spite of large overhead. The United States Government, likewise, has spent large amounts on propaganda for military insurance. This expense should really not have been necessary, for Uncle Sam's offer is so reasonable that none of the aid societies can compete with it. The insurance campaign conducted by that branch of the Government produced excellent results, so that over 95 per cent of all soldiers and sailors are insured. Vigorous activity lies at the bottom of this success. Even the best cause cannot be properly enhanced without propulsion.



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Only the Western Brotherhood among our units has an organizer, and the best proof that he is of good use is that this office was not abolished at the last plenary meeting, although some of the delegates voted for this move. Other units have not recognized the usefulness of organizers. Their convictions are supported by the fact that the brotherhoods' business is conducted on a sound, thoroughly honest basis, guided by strict economy, so that perfect security is guaranteed.

The great American insurance companies cannot, however, do without organizers and agents, and Mr. Lunak expatiates on this point: "Every organization granting death benefits or charitable aid of any sort must have a man who is able to explain and set forth the advantages offered. The brotherhoods must become aware of the necessity of methods which contact the bulk of our people and canvass those who are not willing to join on their own initiative or are reluctant in general. Thousands may sign up when first approached, but hundreds of thousands have to be urged and shown clearly

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just why they should become members. Dutiful and sincere members have come from these two classes of people, but it takes unceasing propaganda to win them over.

Our brotherhoods need agitators, organizers, or agents, and they need them very badly. They cannot accomplish very much without them; they must face this overhead expense, no matter how they may calculate and economize.

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SOKOL SLAVSKY RESOLUTION

The Sokol Slavsky, in a meeting on May 22, after a conference with representatives of the C. S. P. S. [Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost (the Czecho-Slav Aid Society)], with a view toward an understanding among the brotherhood lodges, resolved as follows:

"Whereas, From the beginning of Czech immigration to Chicago the "Czech Pilsen" (Plzen) district always was the center of our business, social, and national life, as well as the source and starting point of our important national and intellectual movements; and

"Whereas, The first building, the original home of the C. S. P. S. and with it the Czech-English Free Thought School, has ever since offered a home and shelter to all of our Free Thought societies; and

"Whereas, That building was the pride and the representative theatrical hall of

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III A "Czech Pilsen"; and

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"Whereas, It has witnessed the education of thousands of our Czech children in the maternal tongue, and instilled into them respect and love for the dear old Czech motherland; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we of the Sokol Slavsky, recognizing the importance of this community center for the preservation of the Czech element in our Plzen district, this oldest stronghold of Free Thought, recommend to the Board of Sponsors of the Cesko-Americka Svobodna Skola (Czech-American Free Thought School) to collaborate with us, and the other societies, in the erection of a new building for the C. S. P. S. on the site of the old building. A gorgeous edifice is not demanded, but it should be useful and modern, as is needed today by all organizations. Be it further

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"Resolved, That this should be done within the shortest possible time so that the building will henceforth, as before, be a historical landmark which has survived the hardest times till the moment when the sun of golden liberty will blaze over our nation. "Na Zdar! (Success!)"

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"Bohus Hak,

"M. Bricha,

"Jarka Kosar,

"For the committee on resolutions."

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### UNVEIL NEW BANNER

The J. C. D. [Jednota Ceskych Dam (Czech Ladies' Unity)] celebrated the unveiling of its banner in the hall of the Sokol Chicago yesterday afternoon. We report with much regret that only a very few of the members of this, the largest and strongest of our women's organizations, took part. There were, in fact, hardly ten per cent of the members present, though the affair was arranged in co-operation with the Red Cross, the support of which is an eminent duty of every Czech girl and married woman.

Mrs. Smrcek, president, opened the ceremonies. Then followed "The Star-Spangled Banner," played by the band. Mrs. Cervenka delivered a splendid address at the dedication of the banner. The main attraction of the day was a drama, "On the Field of Glory and Victory," which had been originally written for the famous actress, Sarah Bernhardt, who created the main role at a recent presentation at the Majestic Theater with brilliant success.

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[Follows a synopsis of the play.] The arrangement for the Czech stage was made by Albert J. Havranek, Czech-Chicago poet and writer. In this work, he again showed not only enthusiasm for the cause, but also his rare gifts. He certainly ingratiated himself with our public.

The main role, that of the youthful flag-bearer, was intrusted to our popular actress, Mrs. Slavka Svoboda. Both Mr. Havranek and Mrs. Svoboda, as well as others in the cast, were heartily applauded. The play is to be given again.

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### OUR SOCIETIES

The problem of merging all our brotherhoods is at present being discussed by our organization papers. The consensus of opinion is that the union is necessary, especially under present conditions. One sign propitious to the merger is becoming evident. No voices are raised against the proposed combination as they were some time ago. This shows that the opposition has decreased or has altogether vanished.

Since the time when the first attempts toward a merger met with failure many changes have taken place. The war has made the position of our fraternities difficult to maintain. It will be increasingly hard, not only now but for many years hence, to gain in membership, so that the fraternities may expand and stand on a firmer basis. One may expect new members only from our adolescent youth of Czech descent. Some progress has been made in Chicago recently in the creation of Youth organizations and clubs from which our



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fraternities may draw for membership. The patrons who maintain our Free Thought Czech language schools have done meritorious work in this direction. The adoption of children's insurance by our brotherhoods would also help very much in raising a stock of prospective members. It should be introduced into all our brotherhoods, although it is very doubtful whether this system will be able to compensate for the losses which have accrued from the decrease in immigration, for from the immigrants the majority of our members came until the war broke out.

There can be no question about the expediency of attracting our youth at an early age. Our boys and girls are, however, gradually drifting away from our Czech community life. In former years they were influenced by the constant stream of new immigrants, the number of whom is now much diminished. Changed conditions demand incessant efforts on the part of everyone of us; they call for more intensive agitation and compel us to find new ways for the maintenance and the expansion of our Czech brotherhoods.

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In this general struggle for the existence of our brotherhoods the necessity of a merger is becoming more pressing than ever, and it is finding more protagonists than formerly.

It is expected that concrete proposals will be made in the near future, and that when this is done, the merger will constitute the most important item of debate at the coming annual meeting of our oldest and biggest aid society, the C. S. P. S. (Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost--Czecho-Slav Aid Society). Communications from many lodges indicate that the time most favorable to a merger has come.

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OUR SOCIETIES  
The Cesko-Slovanska Jednota

(Czecho-Slav Union) in its latest plenary meeting adopted child insurance with an 18-year age limit, and in the April meeting the creation of a child-insurance committee was decided upon. In regard to this the organ of the Union published the following information:

"Child insurance is a novelty for our brotherhoods and is one of the most important items of our future activity. Few new immigrants, or none, arrive in these days; the brotherhoods must seek to find future members among those of our people who already are settled here. The acquisition of children as members is therefore a very essential step toward [the achievement of] this aim.

A child belonging to our organization can be more easily approached for membership than an adult outsider. Children will pay twenty cents per month, and the

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benefits will be be graded according to the time for which the child has belonged. The initiation fee will be fifty cents, which will be used for expenses connected with the registration.

In order to put the system into operation, at least five hundred children must be signed up for insurance, as required by the State authorities who issue the permit. This figure is not too high to be reached by a large brotherhood. For a child two years old who has been insured for a period less than one year the death benefit will be \$15, and so on up to \$200, if the insurance has been paid 17 to 18 years. When the insured has reached his 18th year, he will be expected to join as a full-fledged member of the Brotherhood.

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CZECH CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL  
A BEAUTIFUL AFFAIR

A party was given yesterday afternoon by the Ladies' Section of the Bohemian Charitable Association in the hall of Sokol Chicago, on South Kedzie Avenue between 23rd and 24th Streets. It was called a strawberry festival and served to replenish the purse of the Association--in other words, it was for the benefit of the poor and destitute in our settlement. The ladies are tireless, willing, and self-sacrificing workers, and thanks to their zeal the entertainment was a remarkable success. The spacious hall was crowded with people from all strata of our Czech society, which showed that it is not indifferent to the welfare of the poor.

The entertainment committee deserves credit for having made up a program which was satisfactory in every respect. After an address by Mrs. Marie Sokol, chairman of the Ladies' Section, a piano solo, "Loreley," was rendered by Mrs. Olga Svoboda. A children's duet followed, and then Miss May Hajicek sang

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Friml's "Empty Promises," Salter's "A Proposal," and Hue's "Je Plains En Reve". The songs brought out the young lady's talent very advantageously. There were also pieces for the violin and the piano. Hasler's group of soldier songs, "Muj Kamarad" (My Comrade), were presented by our well-known artiste Mrs. Slavka Svoboda. A number of pieces followed, until the formal part of the entertainment closed, and the guests repaired to the tables to enjoy a cup of excellent coffee with cakes and to indulge in the gift of springtime--strawberries.

For the sake of the completeness of this report we point to the appeal for support made by Mr. Stanley J. Loula, chairman of the Association. His glowing words were addressed especially to our ladies.

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CONCERNING A NEW C.S.P.S. BUILDING

We have been following certain items published in our Czech press, many of which had all the characteristics of a "puff"--following for a purpose. We are also in receipt of a communication from the Robert H. Wickers Lodge of the C.S.P.S. (Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost, Czecho-Slovanic Aid Society), and of a letter from the Tenth Ward Taxpayers' Association. We wish to submit these to our Czech public and especially to call their contents to the attention of the various C.S.P.S. lodges.

In the resolutions passed by the above-mentioned organizations, and also in the news items, the erection of a new building for the C.S.P.S. and the Free Thought Czech language school is ardently advocated, with the emphasis on "modern and filling all requirements". An appeal to all Czech organizations is to be made, regardless of affiliation, "to become members of the patronat (board of sponsors) and help toward the creation of a 'Czech

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National House,' a Czech community center".

This Czech community center is to be built in the so-called "Czech Pilsen" district, which, by the way, is gradually ceasing to be Czech and will in the long run lose its character as such. It is consequently advisable to weigh the circumstances before the project is undertaken and to submit the results of former experiences to the interested societies of which the treasuries will be affected by the outlay. The danger exists that the investment involved in such a building might never prove profitable.

One duty devolves upon all those who are promoting this venture. They should furnish proof that construction must be started now, for just now we live in a restless, turbulent time.

Many a Czech enterprise in Chicago has failed that was begun by individuals

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who knew how to work up the enthusiasm of our public. Eager to make money, they forgot to analyze the possibilities of profit, and it was usually the hard-working class that lost.

In the case under consideration it is not the individual worker's money which is involved but the money of the lodges to whom hard-working people belong. The right thing is to point out the complications that may result from precipitate action.

The fact should be pointed out that there are three other large halls almost in the center of the "Czech Pilsen," the Pilsen Sokol Hall, the Bohemian-American Hall, and the Pilsen Auditorium.

Many of those who are promoting the erection of a new building will retort that the Pilsen Sokol Hall belongs to an individual body; that the Bohemian-

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American Hall is Catholic; and that the Pilsen Auditorium [Pilsen Brewery Park pavilion] is the "accursed haunt of bazaars, the curse of which is a result of the irrational and insane behavior of certain individuals". But why do we need a gorgeous, costly edifice when there are many of this type which are fighting desperately to pay off the mortgages with which individuals and organizations are burdened?

Why can't we combine with the Pilsen Sokol, or buy the Pilsen Auditorium, which we could, perhaps, acquire for one third of the original price? Or why not join the Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, of which the building is not yet finished, or [make arrangements with the owners of] the John Hus Memorial Building, which has enough of its site left for an annex?

Why build and compete with others who themselves only vegetate? Why attempt to create a splendid structure when no capital is here, and only the site is owned by us?

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One cannot depend nowadays upon gifts or even upon interest-free loans. Promises are given with ease, but the execution of them generally lags.....

The above reasons prompt us to caution our brotherhoods to think twice before they make a decision.

For Lodge Number 24 of the C.S.P.S.

The Committee on Resolutions

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### FOR A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Lively interest has been evidenced in the erection of a new building on West 18th and May Streets, where the old Skola (School) burned recently. Czech businessmen of the neighborhood, in particular, are taking up the question very vigorously. This was obvious at the meeting held by the trustees of the old Skola.

It is almost certain that before next winter, a new building will be ready for the Freethinkers, our fellow citizens, from the Pilsen district, the oldest large Czech settlement in Chicago. The Prvni Narodni Uhelna Spolecnost (First Czech National Coal Company), fully aware of the importance of the building, was one of the first to appropriate twenty-five dollars for the building fund. The trustees of the school have received a communication from the taxpayers of the Tenth Ward. It reads:

"Whereas, The hall of the Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost (Czecho-Slav

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Aid Society) has for many years been the only, and most desirable gathering place for our associations in this part of the city;

"Whereas, It was a memorial to our national efforts, entertainments, meetings, and educational endeavors;

"Whereas, It was the only center of this large community and its Czech population, regardless of creed, political affiliations; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we commend that the Aid Society promote the erection of a new edifice on the same site where the old one was recently destroyed by fire. Our taxpayers' association will support the Aid Society in its effort with every means, moral or financial, so that this oldest Czech community center may be preserved for future generations."

For the committee on resolutions: Jos. Belousek, 1811 May Street; Frank Riha, 1324 West 18th Street; Edward Hovorka, 1800 Fisk Street.

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### OUR ASSOCIATIONS

Associations, clubs, and other organizations must help carry the burden of the war just like everybody else. This burden will certainly not become lighter; on the contrary, it is bound to grow heavier.

If the membership in our organizations is not actually on the decline, it certainly is not on the ascendancy. This is the first burden, and the second involves a constant rise in dues. The sad fact cannot be denied that the majority of our associations suffer from a gradual decrease in membership. The prospects for a change in these conditions are certainly slim. Before the end of this war, a return of prosperity for our associations is hardly to be expected. And even when peace is here again, a turn for the better is not likely to come. The rise in dues, or rather, the extra dues for the emergency fund, has become a necessity resulting from the war. Everybody should acknowledge this fact.

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The crisis through which all of our organizations are passing now should be met with untiring efforts on the part of all sincere members. But the danger threatening our organizations has one good feature. It forces and teaches the individual members to think about ways and means of warding off the menace. This may be the reason for numerous calls for the unification of all Free Thought brotherhoods recently. The time for such a step is more opportune now than it has been at any other time.

Formerly, there were many obstacles in the way of such a merger. They can be removed now that the demand for concerted action is growing imperative. We published the opinion of Dr. Joseph P. Pecival, president of the Czecho-Slavonic Union, sometime ago. He is an ardent advocate of the proposed combine. Numerous brotherhoods and individual members also favor this move, as is evidenced by articles in various letters and organs of brotherhoods. They reflect a willingness to promote the merger; they expatiate upon the present opportune conditions and express the conviction that the proposal will soon become a reality. The Česko-Slovanská Podporující Společnost (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent

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Society) is the only one to hold its plenary meeting this year, and it is expected that the question of a merger will be broached there and then. The discussion will be of vital importance to the very perpetuation of the system of Czech aid societies in the United States.

The organ of the C. S. P. S. (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Society) published its financial report for the past year, stating that the organization had 24,148 members on December 31, 1917. At that time, certificates representing \$16,484,250 in insurance were on hand.

The fire which burned the Czech-English school [the building of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Society] caused many of our societies to lose their meeting places and at the same time suffer large financial setbacks. We assume that part of the property was insured. Nevertheless, some societies, especially the older ones, mourn not so much for material property value, as for old minutes, which are priceless documents as far as the history of our associations is concerned. Numerous precious paintings from various lodge rooms were also lost.

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This month is significant for all associations, for they should not miss the opportunity to buy Liberty bonds to as great an extent as their treasuries will permit. Our Czech organizations did their duty when the first and the second war loans were floated. They will again lead those who do their duty.

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CZECH-AMERICAN UNION GROWING

One Hundred New Members of Three Lodges are Inducted

Celebrations such as the one held by the Česko-Americká Jednota (Czech-American Union) last Saturday are rare, yet very important. The scene of activity was the Pilsen Brewery Park pavilion; the arrangements were made by the grand lodge of the Jednota, supported by all local subsidiary lodges. About one hundred women became members of the organization. They were grouped into three newly formed lodges which were formally inducted: The Gabriela Preis No. 19, Lodge Cicero No. 20, and Lodge American Red Cross No. 21.

Mr. J. Morávek, vice-president of the grand lodge, opened the meeting and introduced Mr. Jan Jelínek, editor of the Věstník (Messenger), who spoke on the importance of child insurance, which was adopted by the organization recently. He said:

"I take pleasure in presenting to you the youngest branch of the Czech-American

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IV Union, the children's section; which was inducted a short time ago. It is often contended that the American branch of the Czech people is dying off, and that the time is not very distant when it will be dead. It is, therefore, our duty to insure the future of our Czech branch. Children are our own future. We must rear them properly so that they will proudly pledge allegiance to their Czech descent. If we do not fail in this duty, our future in America will be secure.

"Our young people frequently join organizations of other nationalities and are thus lost to us. We must attract them to our groups, to our sterling Czech-American Union. At a time when our sons or fathers are fighting for the liberty of all nations, it is the responsibility of those who stay at home to fulfill their obligations not only toward America, but to our Czech people as well. And this can be done by giving our children an education in the true Czech national spirit. We must save our youth for ourselves. If the Czech-American Union is good enough for you adults, it is certainly good enough for your children. Bring your children, your hope, to our Union and do not permit

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IV        them to join some foreign, capitalistic establishment. I am certain that from our children's section, we shall later draw six hundred desirable members for the Czech-American Union, which has been making good progress. I am certain that it will advance still farther, just to show what Czechs in America can do, and that they are neither dying nor even sinking."

Mr. Jelinek then turned to the children and addressed them as follows: "My dear children, do not forget that the nation from which you came is an outstanding one, for it has had a glorious history. You come from a nation of which you may justly be proud. From this nation there issued men who led the Czechs in the struggle for right and truth. Always proclaim joyfully that you came from this nation. Be mindful of the words of the poet: 'He who is ashamed of his parents deserves the scorn of all men'. Honor this emblem of the Czech-American Union in which the American and the Czech flags are harmoniously combined. I welcome you under our roof!"

Dr. Antonin Mueller, chief physician of the Union, spoke primarily on the

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significance of the names which the three newly inducted lodges adopted for their groups. "The members of the Union were among the first to answer the call of the Liberty bond campaign," the speaker stated. "The members of the ladies' lodge No. 19 did not commit any error in selecting the name 'Gabriela Preis,' one of our famous writers.....

"The name 'Lodge Cicero No. 20' reminds us of the famous Roman orator. Those of us who studied Latin and Greek in the old country had to study his speeches, and if we did not, we flunked!"....Cicero, a Czech Chicago suburb, is a prosperous community which remains faithful to its Czech descent, as is demonstrated by the new lodge.

"Members of the Lodge American Red Cross [sic.] will be glad, I am certain, to hear something about the history of the Red Cross....."

Mr. W. Havelka, secretary of the grand lodge, read telegrams and various other communications; Mr. Joseph Kratochvil, president, presented the newly inducted

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lodges with the charter. "He who wins the women wins the entire nation," he proclaimed.

Mr. Wm. K. Pflaum addressed the gathering in regard to the sale of war-savings stamps. He spoke in English.

The Czech-American Union is to be congratulated upon its rapid growth. May it continue to prosper and help preserve our Czech branch in America!

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## OUR SOCIETIES ENLIST IN LOAN DRIVE

(Summary)

All aid societies in the United States have been requested to help in the drive for the third issue of the Liberty Loan. Their representatives held a meeting in the Sherman Hotel and showed that the appeal will result in vigorous response. Patriotic endeavor is a duty, and the aid societies, more than any other organization or individual, can promote the campaign to success. There are fifteen million members in the United States and over two hundred and fifty thousand in Chicago.....

Our Czech brotherhoods fulfilled their duty during the first and second campaigns by buying bonds generously, and this is the best proof of their patriotism. Brotherhoods should not invest deposits in other bonds that bear no more interest than Government war bonds and are less reliable.....

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In the official organ of the Cesko-Slavanska Podporujici Spolecnost (Czecho-Slavonic Aid Society), there are suggestions for improvements which will prove beneficial to all the brotherhoods. The Grand lodge in the State of Maryland proposes one main office with a stationary seat in Chicago. There is not much to be gained by constantly moving the headquarters. They should be located where most of the members live, as this facilitates the contact between lodges. The Grand lodge also proposes the removal of state trustees.

Women should not only fill the places in business and industries left open by men enlisted in military service, but they should also fill the gaps in our societies. Our aid societies and brotherhoods are, and will be, hit hard by enlistments of their male members. These brotherhoods are of vital importance for our national life, because they not only provide economic security for members and their families, but they are buttresses for our nationalistic activities.

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While our organizations are unable to acquire new members among young men now, women should join at a higher rate. The Cesko-Americka Jednota (Czech-American Union) has provided a splendid example of what can be accomplished in this direction. In the course of the last three months, it has organized three new women's lodges.

Graduate students in the Czech section of the American Red Cross under Dr. Anton Mueller have also organized into a sisterhood.....

This is the way in which the shocks suffered by our organizations on account of the draft can be endured and survived.

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ČESKÁ DOBROČINNÁ SPOLEČNOST  
(BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION)  
Annual Meeting and Reports

The regular monthly meeting of the Bohemian Charitable Association was called to order at 8 o'clock last night by Mr. Stanislav J. Loula, president, at the association headquarters 2603 South Kedzie Avenue. Afterward, Reverend Dr. Václav Vaněk read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved. Then the letters received were read. The Chicago Federation of Aged and Adults is seeking information on how many families are supported by the Bohemian Charitable Association, etc. It is desired by them to substitute the so-called "Tag Day," with some other manner of collections. The secretary was instructed to answer and furnish this information. After the transaction of other small matters, the annual meeting was called to order by the president. The secretary then read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. The minutes were accepted without change. The secretary then read the



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tenth annual report of the Bohemian Charitable Association which follows:

The Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago has behind it ten years of its existence. The association was founded by a few philanthropic countrymen, just ten years ago, and none of them at that time realized how much meritorious charitable work would be done during the next ten years. The Association, in ten years of its activity, has collected so far the sum of \$52,633.25, for the relief of poor Bohemian families, from which the sum of \$46,908.28 was paid out, leaving a balance of \$5,724.97 on hand, for further relief work.

In the previous annual meeting held in February 1919, the following directors were elected for three-year terms: Otto Kerner, John A. Cervenka, Dr. Frank E. Dostál, J. C. Wilimowský, [first name not given in full] William K. Pflaum. Those elected for two-year terms were: Reverend Václav Vanek, Anton Schnábl, J. A. Sokol, [first name not given in full], Karel

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Those elected for a one-year term: Frank G. Hájíček, Frank J. Petru, Roman Sedláček, Anton Laadt, Joseph F. Bolek, Stanislav J. Loula, Anton J. Čermák, and Joseph Maleček. In their meeting, directors then elected the following officers for the year 1919: Chairman Stanislav J. Loula; district vice-chairman; J. C. Willimowský first district; Edward Kvidera, second district; John A. Sokol, third district; Karel V. Janovsky, fourth district; John Krupka, fifth district; secretary, Reverend Václav Vanek; financial secretary, Joseph Maleček; treasurer, Louis Šolar; investigator and office manager, Miss Marie Hutter. The Board of Directors held twenty meetings during the year of 1919. The Ladies' Auxiliary, in February, arranged a moving picture show in the Parkway Theatre, bringing a net profit of \$143.64. Mr. Václav Dibelka, the proprietor of the theatre loaned all the equipment free. A Strawberry Festival was arranged by the Ladies' auxiliary on May 14 in Pilsen Park. Net profit being \$202.70. A Tag Day under the auspices of the Chicago Federation of Aged and Adult [Charities] was

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IV held in Chicago on May 26, 1919. One hundred collectors responded from our midst. The Tag Day Committee consisted of Mrs. Sophie Kreml, chairwoman; Reverend Václav Vaněk, vice-chairman; Miss Marie J. Hutter, secretary; and of members of the Board of Directors: Messrs. Edward Kvidera, John Krupka, Joseph Maleček, William K. Pflaum, J. C. Willimovský and Joseph F. Bolek. Net collected amount was \$852.03.

The annual ball of the Association was held October 29, 1919 in the Pilsen Park Pavilion at Albany and Twenty-sixth Streets. The net profit was \$1,526.10. The arrangements committee, appointed by the president, consisted of the following directors: Karel V. Janovský, chairman; John A. Sokol, Edward Kvidera, Roman Sedláček, Joseph Dušek and John Florian. The ladies were represented by following: Mmes. John Krupka, Frank G. Hájíček, Frank Kreml, Anton Beránek, William J. Vopata, J. J. Roubik, first name not given in full and Frank Price.

On Thanksgiving Day, sixty-five families were given baskets with food. This

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IV was a gift of Harrison Technical High School students, and the recipients represented eighty adults and two hundred thirty-seven children. On recommendation of Alderman Anton J. Čermák, the Chicago Babies Free Milk substation was opened on September 15, 1919, in our office. During the time from September 15 until November 6, 427 quarts of milk were given to children of Farragut School, 108 quarts to children of Mc Cormick School, and 1285 quarts to children of fifty-four needy families. This relief work was under the direction of Mrs. Pavlína Princ, assisted by Miss Marie J. Hutter.

At Christmas time, seventy families with 133 adults and 325 children were given aid. We distributed the sum of \$902.56 among them. To this cause the Chicago Herald and Examiner, on Alderman Anton J. Čermák's recommendation, donated one hundred Christmas baskets, one thousand pounds of chicken and cookies. The Petru Importing Company donated fifty pounds of coffee. The largest amount received by one family was \$57.50, and



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others in proportion, depending on the number of children in the family. Twenty-one of our prominent families also took care of one family each, this relief representing the sum of \$276.45.

During the year, relief was given to 132 families, consisting of 268 adults and 458 children, to 437 widows and widowers, and to deserted wives and 1,032 children. Monthly relief average to 63 adults and 124 children.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bohemian Charitable Association, consisting of two hundred members, also paid out the sum of \$467.25 to needy families. The Auxiliary turned over the sum of \$400 to the Bohemian Charitable Association, and is keeping the remainder \$63.54 in its treasury. Nevertheless, the Auxiliary did not forget the children in our homeland, victims of the cruel War, and sent to them dresses and other necessities valued at \$872.50. Toward this cause, a well-known philanthropist, Joseph Dušek sent



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\$100; Mrs. Josefa Beránek \$115; Messrs John F. Lalla and John Krupka \$100 worth of soap, and the balance was supplemented by the ladies themselves.

In the year 1919, the Auxiliary had the following officers: president, Mrs. Marie Krupka; vice-president, Mrs. Jaroslava Svoboda; secretary, Mrs. Antonie Kybic; auditor, Mrs. Františka Stejskal; treasurer, Mrs. Sophie Kreml.

A brief survey of the activities of our office manager, Miss Marie J. Hutter, follows: Interviews given to 1,490 persons, letters and postal cards received 616, letters and postal cards expedited 799, telephone calls made and received 1,495, investigation visits made 492, attended meetings 53, charity ball invitations sent out 8,000. Miss Marie J. Hutter acted as interpreter in many cases at court, at hospitals and at the County Agents office, etc. To the office of the County Agent sixty-



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seven families were recommended; to School Children's Aid Society seven families; to Infant Welfare four families, and many cases were sent to the Court of Domestic Relations, the Illinois Free Dispensary, The American Red Cross, the United States Employment Agency, etc. All women, who were willing to work, were provided with jobs; two women and three children were sent to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, two women were provided with jobs at the Protestant Women's Home. Emergency checks made out in urgent cases amounted to \$244. Mothers' pensions were obtained for ten widows, wherewith our assistance dropped off. Provisions worth \$54.85 were given out to thirty-four adults and to ninety-three children, clothes given to forty-seven adults and to one hundred forty-eight children.

Special recognition is deserved by Mr. Stanislav J. Loula, our chairman of the Board of Directors, and Mrs. Marie Krupka, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, for prudent leadership and generous service. We also thank the Bohemian newspapers for the support of our cause and all of our directors



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and officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Our books were audited free of charge by Mr. H C. Goetschem, public accountant.

After the ten years of activity, we are now entering into another year with a great deal of satisfaction of a well accomplished work. Great opportunities for further accomplishments are ahead of us. Hundreds and hundreds of poor families are looking toward us. It is our duty to make their lives more bearable. Our aim in this coming year should be to bring forth the question of how to get more funds for the Bohemian Charitable Association, and how to increase the number of members to contribute amounts of five dollars or more a year. The City of Chicago ranks next to the City of Prague, Czechoslovakia, which is the second largest Bohemian city in the world, and it is our duty to make the Bohemian Charitable Association an institution which would be imposing with its membership and its philanthropy.

The financial statement for the year 1919: Receipts: Cash on hand January



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IV 1, 1919, \$6,884.01; membership dues \$620; donations \$1,060.75; Tag Day \$852.03; charity ball \$1,526.10; interest \$112.67; paid off loan \$9; contest coupons \$5.15; returned checks \$118.30. Total receipts \$11,188.01. Disbursements: paid out for rents: \$2,180.50; relief in cash and provisions \$866.05; for fuel \$18.50; clothes and underwear \$414.53; medicines \$8.50; for lodging \$2.05; other small expenditure \$51. Total expenditures for relief \$3,541.13; salaries \$1,182; office rent \$180; coal gas and electricity \$160.65; telephone, postage and miscellaneous \$140.41; Social Service registration \$45.58; treasurer's bond \$2.50; Judge Uhlíř's Memorial Fund \$20; error in emergency checks \$12. Total disbursements \$5,463.04. Cash on hand December 31, 1919 \$5,724.97.

Signed: Václav Vaněk, secretary.

The annual report was approved, and the secretary was thanked for his work.



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IV [Translator's note:- In this article total receipt amount to \$11,188.01. Total disbursement amount to \$5,284.27. Balance on hand at the end of the year is given as \$5,724.97. According to this there is an error of \$178.77. Probably disbursement item was omitted.]

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Garden City Brewery Company, a large Bohemian enterprise, which contributes liberally toward our patriotic and charitable causes, in its annual meeting, again remembered these humanitarian institutions. To the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage the sum of one hundred dollars was donated; the Saint Joseph Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois, will also receive the sum of one hundred dollars; and to the Bohemian Charitable Association the sum of fifty dollars.

The following officers were elected for the year of 1920. Antonín J. Záhrobský, president, Alois Hopp, vice-president; Anton Kolář, secretary; and Mike Písařík, treasurer.

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### BOHEMIAN SOCIETIES

The central executive committee of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Czech Ladies' Union) has filed its report for the second half of the past year, presenting a clear survey of the growth in membership and the improvement in its financial position. The report reveals that during the period there were 267 new members, 107 deaths, 101 expulsions, and 74 resignations. On December 30 of last year, the total membership was 25,155. The Union paid out \$33,200 in death benefits, \$9,572.38 in sick benefits, \$2,359 for charity, \$3,988.41 for national patriotic purposes, and \$1,872.36 for Czech schools. The reserve fund amounted to \$52,225.85. The total assets of the Union are valued at \$415,673.48.

The increase in membership of 429 for the first half of last year was not as large as usual. Were it not for deaths and expulsions, an increase of half that number might be called satisfactory. The figures show that women's

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organizations are also subject to considerable loss in membership by expulsion, although losses of this kind are more numerous in organizations with male memberships. Years ago, large numbers of prospects were indiscriminately accepted as members, and no particular attention was paid to their qualifications or to the possibility of their eventual expulsion.

The war has brought about a change. Attention is now being directed not only to acquiring new members, but also to keeping the ranks of old members intact. Expulsions and resignations are elements of trouble not only in our brotherhoods but in almost all American brotherhoods, as was pointed out at the Congress of American Brotherhods. The average number of resignations or expulsions is almost constant, while the number of new members is constantly decreasing. This applies especially to our brotherhoods, for our immigration has become stagnant because of restrictions dictated by the war.

Some American brotherhoods have increased their dues to an unjustifiable

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degree, and this is possibly the reason for their being on the verge of collapse. However, this reason does not apply to our brotherhoods, which are not only engaged in extending benefits to members, but are also active in patriotic enterprises. Every member should be conscious of the fact that he is duty bound in a twofold way--to his family, which has to be taken care of in the event of his death, and to his nation as well. There is, at the present time, hardly a single organization among us Czechs that is not active in the field of patriotic endeavor, that would not support the Czech National Alliance, the Czech schools, and other nationalistic institutions. This is one of the reasons why our brotherhoods should enjoy steady prosperity and growth. This is more desirable now than ever before. Members should center their interest upon the growth and strength of their organizations.



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STANDARD SOCIETIES

The semiannual conference of the I'rovní bratřský ústav (United Brotherhood Congress), which was held in Chicago recently, was attended by many presidents and officers of various aid societies.

Many subjects were on the program for discussion. The most important, however, were how to support the United States Government in case of emergency for soldiers and how to prepare the United States for the war. A number of large brotherhoods had already been called by the authorities in Washington for a conference in order to settle these matters.

The conference dwelt upon the effect of the war on the aid societies. The consensus centers upon the fact that a larger responsibility must be expected and preparations for this responsibility must be made. A delegate from Columbus, Ohio, declared that a higher insurance rate will have to be introduced in all brotherhoods in order to save the confidence of the public.

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The trustees of the Jednota Českých Br. (Czech Brothers' Union) published the financial report on activities since the Union's existence. The total assets amount to \$48,521.89, consisting almost exclusively of gilt-edged bonds, which are constantly increasing in value and bearing interest. The debt is not far off what the Union will be able to begin building a building here.

The Česko-americká Jednota (Bohemian-American Union), one of the younger brotherhoods, has taken in 780 new members in the past year. This is remarkable for these times, which have proved very trying for most aid societies. The average age of the insured members was 30 years. They are insured for the total amount of \$609.50.

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FROM OUR ORGANIZATIONS

What can be accomplished in the acquisition of new members by vigorous agitation was demonstrated on the occasion of the awarding of prizes in the Česko-Americká Jednota (Czech-American Union). The contest yielded 560 new members for this organization, a figure of which the Union may surely feel proud. Each lodge showed some increase; a few lodges had truly remarkable success. Lodge Český Lev (Czech Lion) gained 47; Vltava (the Vltava river), 40; California, 28; Nova Vlast (The New Homeland), 26. This was the work of a few zealous individuals. Besides these, there are many others who deserve recognition.

Mr. August Kopta, a member of the lodge Cesky Lev, won the first prize, \$50, for having introduced 43 members. The second prize, \$40, went to Jos. Kalivoda of lodge California; the third of \$30 to Karel Nudera of lodge Nová Vlast, etc.

The membership campaign cost very little and produced excellent results, which proves that Chicago is still fertile soil for active solicitation of members

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for our aid societies, especially in view of the enthusiasm displayed, as in the case of the Czech-American Union.

The Česko-Slovanská Podporující Společnost (Czecho-Slavonic Aid Society) has given 362 of its members to the American Army and Navy. The records are by no means complete. Many members who were called for service have not informed their lodges of this fact, so that it may be expected, judging by the present rate, that the number given above will soon be doubled.

Jednota Táboritu (Union of Taborites) has also introduced the head tax, which will serve to build up a fund from which compensation will be paid for casualties among members now enlisted in the United States Army or Navy. The tax will be collected at the rate of three cents per month on each one-hundred-dollar policy.

We reported previously that the main unit of the Czecho-Slavonic Aid Society introduced the head tax for a similar purpose; it is expected that other units

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will soon follow this example. Under the existing conditions, it is advisable that aid societies prepare for emergencies created by the war.

We published the tragic story of a young fellow countryman who was killed in an accident recently. Although married, he did not belong to any aid society which would have insured his survivors against want. There are other young men who should join the ranks of our fraternal societies: With immigration on the decline, our adolescents are the only source from which we may hope to draw new members.

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### THE ESSENCE OF THE TRUE AND ACTIVE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD

Not infrequently we hear contentions from people who are unfriendly toward benevolent societies that the idea of brotherhood is mere printed matter and becomes empty the moment members are called upon to contribute. However, here are two cases which prove that the situation is different. They occurred in Czech-American communities and illustrate how the Česko-Americká Jednota (Czech-American Union) and its members interpret the concept of brotherhood. It is true enough that every brotherhood has to keep its business in good order, and every member must pay his dues regularly if he or she expects to share in the benefits. This is equally true in the case of large capitalistic insurance companies. The latter, in fact, are even much stricter in the enforcement of dues than any of our brotherhoods.

An important difference between a brotherhood and an insurance company lies in the fact that the latter, when called on, will perform no more than its stipulated duty, while the former will do more. This is conspicuously proved

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in these two examples. One was related to us by the Cleveland, Ohio, branch of the Czech-American Union.

Brother M. Mixan, driven to despair by an incurable ailment, committed suicide. He was a member of the lodge Cech, No. 7, of the Czech-American Union. The brotherhood not only paid the benefit to the widow with three children, but also arranged a collection among other lodges of the Union. When, a few days ago, the lodge heard that the widow was again in distress, another collection was made for her.

The second example is given in the case of Henry Kopřiva, 1167 West 18th Street, Chicago, a member of the lodge Plzeň (Pilsen), No. 1, of the Czech-American Union. Stricken with paralysis, he had to be nursed by his wife, a mother of three children, and she herself was not in good health. The lodge paid him his benefit and gave him support in more ways than one. The man has been a member for approximately two years. Brother lodges then collected twelve dollars for him. The officers of his lodge procured further support

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from the Cook County authorities, and also from the Bohemian Charitable Association, so that the unfortunate brother's family was at least spared extreme misery.

These are certainly remarkable instances which reflect true sentiment and effective help on the part of our brotherhoods. Capitalistic insurance companies cannot match them.



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THE OLD SOCIETY

The Č. S. P. S. (Česko-Slovanská Podporující Společnost [Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Society]) has raised its dues for death benefits ten per cent. The new scale becomes effective on January 31. This change is not considered "regular," and no information was given as to whether the raise will become permanent. It was passed as a measure necessitated by war conditions. Many organizations have already introduced similar amendments, and others will soon feel compelled to follow this example if they want to be prepared properly for an eventual increase in mortality rates.

Slovak benevolent societies held conferences sometime ago in regard to this matter and decided in their plenary meeting upon a raise in the mortality dues. These are being collected from the beginning of the new year. Thus the Slovak groups have been first in taking an action which our Czech organizations will have to take if they are to avoid great embarrassment later. Every one of us wishes these raises were not necessary, but a few cents more

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per month does not matter when the interest of our lodge brothers who are serving under Uncle Sam's flag is at stake. It is better to be prepared than to run the risk of being unable to meet just obligations.

We hope that war emergency funds which are being created now will not be called on, yet their existence means security and preparedness.

The main lodge of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Society took up this question in a meeting on January 18, and offered the following explanations:

"The moment has arrived when our often proclaimed love for the survivors of members will be put to a severe test. This applies particularly to relatives of members who have laid down their lives upon the altar of the motherland. In order to pass this ordeal with honors, every one of us will have to sacrifice a coin or two so that death benefits can be paid to survivors of fallen soldiers within the shortest possible time.

"Having already been called on by the grand lodge of the State of Illinois

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several months ago, the national main lodge, in its meeting on January 18, 1918, decided upon a raise of ten per cent in the dues for death benefits as an indispensable necessity. This surplus will be used for the creation of an extra fund which will represent a war reserve."

Accordingly, \$1.18 will be the dues on \$1,000 for persons eighteen years old for death benefits. Ordinary insurance rates will be raised in a similar manner. This innovation will remain valid until the end of the war, or up to the next plenary meeting when it may be voided.

The United States Government requests all benevolent societies to urge members now in military service to apply for Government insurance. February 12 is the deadline for the filing of applications for all those recruited before August of last year. Time is pressing for those who want to take advantage of the benefit offered by the Government.

Our brotherhoods are gladly fulfilling the Government's wishes. The main

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lodges are sending out notes to minor lodges concerning this matter, elucidating the benefits derived from Government insurance.

It may be said that this insurance works to the detriment of the benevolent societies, since it will remain in force even after the war. Our societies are, however, far too patriotic to attach undue importance to this point. They keep foremost in their minds the fact that Government insurance will, at any rate, do much good for all soldier-members and their families.

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Senni Masatel, Jan. 27, 1914.

FROM OUR CORRELATIONS

The C. B. J. (Ceska bratrska Jednota, Czech Brotherhood) is the only benevolent society which employs a special organizer and which thrives very well considering these times of war. The C. S. S. S. (Cesko-Slovenska Rodnorujici Spolecnost, Czecho-Slav Benevolent Association) discussed the institution of an organizer's office without coming to a decision. This tends to show that the need for such an office is not recognized, or that the results obtained are out of proportion to the expenditures involved.

Opinions differ on this point, and it is to be noted that members of the Western branches do not favor the employment of an organizer, although one was appointed at their recent meeting.

One of our correspondents singles out an example where the organizer acquired

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two new members; this cost his organization two hundred dollars. This report is being denied by the official organ of that society, with the declaration that the organizer had brought in twenty-one new members during the time in question and that this did not represent his sole work. It is being pointed out that the acquisition of new members does not comprise his entire activity. He has to see that old members are kept within the ranks of the organization. This often proves a hard task for any brotherhood, particularly when the relentless necessity of raising the dues looms.

Such is the nature of the work that confronts the organizer, and whether he or anyone else performs it, the fact remains that every organization has a big job on its hands to preserve its standing membership. The reports of many organizations reveal the large number of persons quitting, or others stricken off the list of members. This condition did not mean serious harm in former times when the ranks of the organizations were quickly replenished. There was, in general, a larger gain than loss in membership.

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There is no valid reason why members of our organizations should change, for our brotherhoods can certainly compare with all others, and may excel, in just and economic management and security as well.

In addition to this, there are Czech organizations where one can feel at home. Their membership means social security for the family, and at the same time, active co-operation in national patriotic enterprises in which all our organized groups participate. The organizer of the Western Czech Brotherhood is supposed to keep the membership intact. This, however, is also the duty of each individual member.

We have mentioned several times the "League for the Protection of Youth," which sends out its stool pigeons regularly to spy on social gatherings and entertainments. The reports published by them are highly colored, the results of alleged observations of immorality and the sale of liquor to

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minors, soldiers, and sailors.

No one must think that such news as this is not worth taking notice of. These people jeopardize our social entertainments. They blaze the path for further propaganda and the revocation of the bar license at our social affairs.

Clubs, and other associations giving entertainments, ought to be mindful of this and guard against disorderly conduct and violation of the law. This is urgently recommended during these times of high-pressure "dry" propaganda.

The Cesko-Americka Jednota (Czech-American Union) has organized a special agitation committee with Brother Moravek as chairman and Brother Chrencik



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as secretary. All the lodges are to be represented in this committee by zealous members who are interested in the development of the Union.

The Czech-American Union has also introduced the insurance of children, which offers another opportunity for agitation by enthusiastic members. The department for child insurance is busy. The terms on which the insurance is offered are now so attractive that no one should wait any longer. The insurance secures not only the child's future, but it keeps the child within our ranks in preparation for membership later.

Lodge Vltava, No. 17, of the Cesko-Slovanska Jednota (Czecho-Slav Union) announces that the initial fee has been suspended for the next three months. This is an inducement for prospects in this lodge of 415 members.

A. Lukes, 3045 South Kenneth Avenue.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 25, 1918.

FROM THE VČELKY

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who in any way helped to make the cabaret of the Včelky (The Little Bees) presented in Cicero a success in every respect. The large attendance convinced us that all of Cicero stands behind us. This gives us strength and confidence for our work.

Mrs. Novák, founder of the Včelky in the United States and president of the Chicago branch, was the guest of honor. In her address she outlined the aims and activities of the Včelky. This was received with evidences of gratitude. Details about our activities will be published from time to time.

Our organization is growing rapidly, as is shown by the large numbers of new

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members. Contributions are pouring in, even from the poor classes of our people. There was the two-dollar contribution, a day's wages, from Mrs. Prokš, for example. Again, the little daughter of Mr. Dlouhý, sent in her entire fortune, consisting of copper coins--just pennies painstakingly saved--so that wool can be bought and stockings knitted for the volunteers of the Czechoslovak Army in France.

We shall not complain if the Czech nation brings forth children such as these. Sincere thanks to everybody.

For the Věelky in Cicero,

Signed, Marie Teplan, Secretary.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 21, 1918.

CZECH-AMERICAN FORESTERS

(Summary)

The great rally of the Order of Czech-American Foresters concluded with a session at 2 P.M. yesterday afternoon.....Among the many letters of congratulation read was one from the committee for the Slovak bazaar. The delegates voted to support the bazaar whole heartedly.....

Brother Šaufl spoke in favor of extending aid to the Tábor, one of the Forester lodges. The latter lost all its money deposited in the Tuma Bank which failed recently. The grand lodge of the Order declared that it could not help substantially toward re-establishing the finances of the Tábor, but recommended that all the lodges combine to help the brother lodge.....

The next rally will be held in 1922.

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Brother Marek recommended that a regular editor be employed for the organ of the Foresters. The editorial work was always done by the secretary, who attended to his official duties at the same time. A salary is to be paid to the editor henceforth.....A resolution was passed to extend support to the Czech National Alliance.....The annual salary of the Chief Forester was raised twenty-five dollars. The editor of the organ will receive one hundred dollars per year.....The treasurer's yearly salary was raised twenty-five dollars.

The meeting, which was adjourned at 5:30 P.M., took place in the hall of Sokol Havlíček-Tyrš. The delegates were then honored at a banquet.

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CASEY - ERIC F. MC DONALD

(Summary)

The third and last meeting of the rally of the Order of Czech-American Foresters began yesterday at 8 A. M. It was opened by Chief Forester L. Chobotský. Almost all the delegates were present.....Secretary V. Hájek read the minutes of the previous meeting. Letters of congratulation were read, among them one from the Sdružení Českých Svobodomyslných Škol (Association for the Maintenance of the Czech Free Thought Schools). It requested the Order to further patronize the Free Thought schools.

The executive committee of the School Commit. of America requested by letter the moral support and co-operation of the Order, especially in the realm of education, and particularly as far as the reservation and propagation of our mother tongue in America is concerned.

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III C The following resolution was passed:

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"To Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, Washington, D. C. The seventh congress of the Czech-American Foresters, male and female members, held in Cicero, Illinois, from January 17 to January 19, 1918, has passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, This, our adopted country, has entered the war alongside of other democratic nations in order to preserve liberty, equality, and rights for which our ancestors fought, which they obtained, and which are jeopardized by a militaristic and tyrannical nation; and

"Whereas, The United States, in going into this war, is doing what it did in the past only for the sake of oppression and slavery, a country which the President of the United States has mentioned the Czechoslovak nation; and

"Whereas, We consider it to be our sacred duty to offer our services to these

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III C United States in their noble fight for freedom and liberty; there-  
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"Resolved, That we pledge our loyalty and support in every respect to the President and Administration of the United States for the purpose of attaining that sublime aim.

"For the Committee on resolutions,

"Signed, R. Růžička, Fr. Bláha, and Fr. Rušick."

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The committee for the revision of the order of the day asked that the recommendations be referred to the grand lodge. It was pointed out that the realization of all the proposed changes would be a long time, without giving the delegates enough opportunity to realize their significance.

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III C There ensued a lively discussion about the ritual employed at the  
I G initiation of new members. Some called the old procedure "antediluvian," demanding a modernized and "democratized" one. Others, again, contended that the old-fashioned ceremonies attracted multitudes of curious people. The working out of a new ritual for these occasions would take up too much time. Brother Raišl declared outright that for foolery entertains, and if the people want it, they should have it."

Another member, in counterpoint, spoke of a case where a new member's leg was broken at one of those prankish affairs. There is much to be said against eccentricities. Numerous other members joined in the controversy, until it was resolved to leave the decision on rituals to the committee to be worked out with the next assembly of the grand lodge.

Motions concerning routine business were heard.....Mr. V. Hájek, secretary, proposed an addition of four pages to the official organ of the Order. These are to be printed in the English language. It would promote the creation of

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III C English-speaking clubs in the various lodges. On the motion of  
I G Brother Wolf, the proposal was referred to the Grand Lodge, which  
is expected to solicit membership of certain people who would be entrusted with the English part of the organization's correspondence.

Brother Hudecek proposed that the reward for the acquisition of a new member be raised from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents, at the same time suggesting that it is payment be deferred six months until the qualification of a new member is established.....

Brother Adamec, representing the Lodge Dvur Česká Koruna (Bohemian Crown), demanded to know what attitude the Foresters intend to take in regard to the five-cent head tax per month for the Czech National Alliance. Brother Štauf answered that every Forester ought to pay five dollars per month for this purpose and do it by his own free will.....Brother Wolf advocated contributing to the Czech National Alliance; he would, however, like to see an account from that organization. Fr. J. Novák assured the Foresters that such an

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accounting will be published in February 1, 1918, at the  
conference of historic committees of the United States.

Mr. Kovik explained that as long as America is at war, no accounting  
could be published, for the obvious reason that this would have created the  
impression of a violation of neutrality. Today, however, with America in the  
war, the Czech National Alliance will at least be with the publication of  
its accounts, probably in newspapers. It is to be sure it will be stated  
how much was collected and how much expended.

A majority of delegates agreed that their leaders are willing to pay five  
cents per month as a national tax, under the condition that there be no  
coercion, and that everyone be governed by law and free will. The issue will  
be taken up by the committee on resolutions.

The committee on auditing found all the books in perfect order. It was then

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III C suggested that contact with some bank which would extend credit on  
I G money deposited by the Order be made. The bank should pay interest  
on any deposit over one thousand dollars.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Zikmund Chobotský, Chief Forester; Jan V. Budilovský, assistant; V. T. Hájek, secretary; Frank Mancl, treasurer. Messrs. Marek, Jiruška, Wolf, Martinek, and Mrs. Štěpánek are members of the board of directors; Messrs. Chlupsa and Šindelář, guards; Mr. V. T. Hájek, editor of the organization's official organ.

The election took place in the afternoon meeting, in which a contribution of twenty-five dollars for the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage was also voted.

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FROM OUR SOCIETIES

We reported in another issue that the Department for War Insurance in Washington, D. C., sent an inquiry to all benevolent societies for a statement of their attitude toward insurance of members who are in the Army or Navy. Heads of our organizations were called to Washington to declare themselves in this matter. It is obvious that the Government is determined to protect the soldiers who are members of these organizations.

The main offices of the C. S. P. S. [Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost (Czecho-Slav Benevolent Association)] sent the following letter to the Government office at Washington:

"Our organization has no special bylaws in the contracts entered into now or earlier which would refer to members in Army or Navy service of the United States. These members enjoy the same rights and privileges as all others. We did not raise their premium because of war risks. Many of our lodges make voluntary contributions for the benefit of enlisted men. These payments are not imposed

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or obligatory. We are enclosing the statutes of the C. S. P. S. and copies of contracts. We do not employ any solicitors and therefore issue no instructions for them.

"We are the oldest benevolent society in the United States. Our organization was founded as early as 1854. We expect to be able to fulfill all our obligations concerning risks resulting from this war."

This communication was the answer to an inquiry of November 20; it was mailed November 27. The position taken by the C. S. P. S. in relation to enlisted men is stated in it intelligibly.

When this position is changed in the next full meeting of the C. S. P. S., it will be necessary to notify the Treasury Department in Washington.

Let us not decide too early. We should not place an obligation upon the shoulders of the C. S. P. S. to pay for soldiers and sailors. The organ of our

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brotherhood shows that we have 311 soldiers and sailors on our books. Their number will surely increase to 400 by the end of January. This would mean a monthly deposit for 400 enlisted members, besides the nonenlisted members.

Not one cent should be taken from the fund for death benefits or the reserve fund for the purpose of extending loans to members to enable them to make the emergency payments.

Special payments would be necessary to take care of the soldiers' benefits.

Do you know who would have to make them? The older people who have been members for a long time. That would not be just. Let us be satisfied, and let us not do what we could not afford.

Nonetheless, we shall pay death benefits for fallen soldiers and sailors. They are doing honorable service for the liberation of mankind from the tyranny of

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autocratic militarism, and for the rescue of our beloved old homeland from the talons of the Hapsburgs. More cannot be demanded of us.

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CZECH-AMERICAN FORESTERS  
Second Day of Meeting

(Summary)

Almost all the delegates were present when the second day of the meeting of the Order of Czech-American Foresters was opened yesterday at 9 A. M. Brother Chobotský, Chief Forester, announced that Mr. Kubeč, a member of the Sokol and president of the local district of the Czech National Alliance in America, was present.

Mr. Kubeč was asked by Mrs. Štěpánek to take the floor. He expressed the thanks of the Alliance for all that has been done for it by the Foresters, and depicted the sufferings of the Czech people in the old country in these times of war. From them, he declared, sprang the movement for the liberation of the old homeland and its establishment as an independent state. He does not believe that Czechs here or anywhere else could be daunted by the utterances

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of Lloyd George and President Wilson concerning the preservation of Austria-Hungary. He is, on the contrary, of the opinion that the Czech-American people will continue in the movement for liberation and will double their efforts toward that end. They know what would be lost if they failed in this endeavor. For this reason, Mr. Kubec admonished his audience, it is necessary that the delegates and members of the Order begin to work immediately after their return, that they expend great energy and develop an intense interest for the activities of the Czech National Alliance. They should not be concerned with the persons who are the directing minds of the Alliance. They should, instead, become imbued with the spirit which guides the Alliance.

According to Mr. Kubec, a peace conference--its time is not very remote--is unthinkable without a solution of the Czechoslovak problem.

After the applause following the address had subsided, Chief Forester

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Chobotsky assured Mr. Kubec that the Order of the Foresters will pay due attention to the movement for liberation.

Brother Hajek read the minutes of the previous meeting.....Letters of felicitation were read.....It was voted that a letter of condolence be sent to Brother Bobisud, whose wife had died.

The committee on resolutions recommended that in death cases the survivors should be urged to buy a union-made coffin, for it is much cheaper than one from the casketmakers' trust.

The behavior of certain undertakers was criticized, which prompted Mrs. Stepanek to express regrets over the discussion "which deals with the dead, instead of the living". The motion recommending union-made caskets was passed.

It was further resolved to postpone the question of insurance for children.

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....The schedule of dues and other payments will remain unchanged.  
....The statutes of the Order were read, and occasional corrections were made.

Several complaints against certain physicians were processed when the bylaw concerning their duties was discussed. The committee on statutes was requested to work out a passage which would bestow authority upon the grand lodge to discharge physicians who fail in the performance of their duties..... Sustained members, delinquent in payments of their dues, may be reinstated if payments are made later.....

After adjournment the meeting was continued until the afternoon. Several letters were read in which gratitude was expressed for the work done by the Foresters; they came from the grand lodge of the Czech-American union, Sokol Karel Jonáš, and the Bohemian Orphanage in All People's Lane. In a letter of acknowledgment sent to the latter, the orator complained about an aged member of the Order who was abandoned by his children but was refused

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admittance to the Old People's Home. A reconsideration of his case was requested.

The committee on resolutions recommended the introduction of instructive and interesting lectures in the meetings of the various lodges, since such entertainment attracts many members. The lectures will not interfere with routine business, which is better suited to those who do not like to strain their brains too much. Concerning this point, Brother Raišl pointed out that the benevolent and aid societies are not merely business organizations, but are brotherhoods which have certain obligations to the members. He advocated the opening of instructive lectures, and his proposal was accepted unanimously.

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CZECH-AMERICAN FORESTERS MET  
Seventh Annual Rally De ran Last Night

(Summary)

The Order of Czech-American Foresters (men and women) is having a three-day holiday during their annual meeting, which began yesterday and will be finished tomorrow. After that, they will enjoy a well-deserved rest. Their work will surely be crowned with success. They will be feted at a banquet and honored by a concert and recital arranged for them by Dvur Neruda (Lodge Neruda) No. 55, in co-operation with the grand lodge. On this occasion, the eighteenth anniversary of the foundation of the Order will be celebrated.

Eighteen years is not a long time, true enough, but the work that has been accomplished during that period by the Order of Foresters is far-reaching and impressive. The organization may calmly take account of its work--es-

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I G specially of what has been done in the last four years.

The officers of the Grand lodge are Edmund Chobotský, Chief Forester, John V. Budilovský, assistant; V. T. Hájek, secretary; F. Mancel, treasurer..... The members of the accounting committee will surely feel at ease when they appear before the delegates to submit their reports. They know they have done all in their power for the good of the Order, and that the assembly, which had intrusted them with their offices, will not be disappointed.

The meeting is being held in the hall of Sokol Karel Jonáš in Cicero, Illinois, thirty-five lodges being represented. Brother Chobotský opened the first evening by extending a hearty welcome to the gathering. He admonished the delegates to give the meeting their undivided attention, and always to work for the best interests of the Order.....

There was a roll call of the delegates.....The minutes of the last full meeting

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I G    were then read.....Sympathy was expressed for the families of members who departed since the last meeting.....

The insurance for children was one of the main subjects of discussion. This insurance, it was pointed out, has become very important for the future of the organization. Members and delegates alike declared themselves to be in favor of insurance for children; it should, however, be issued after a child has reached the age of two, for the mortality rate at an earlier age proved to be too high. The organization will not be able to obtain a charter for this insurance before five hundred applications, the legal minimum, are received. Some delegates advocated the admission of children whether their parents are members or not, as long as they are of Czechoslovak descent. The law of the State of Illinois will have jurisdiction over this question, for each state has its own legal interpretation for this point. It was proposed that

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I G children's insurance be introduced, as it will knit the relations of the Order with the younger generation. If a child has been insured for several years, when he reaches the eligibility age for membership, he and his parents will show more genuine interest in the organization.....

The merger of all Czech Freethinker lodges into one large organization was proclaimed to be a necessity which ultimately must be realized. Some move toward insurance for children should be made at once, regardless of the first **result**, but always with a view of the future merger. If other Czech organizations should introduce children's insurance, then the Order of Czech-American Foresters ought to follow their example immediately.

This whole issue was referred to the committee on resolutions which will pass upon its merits and make appropriate recommendations.

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I G Another equally important question was broached. It concerns insurance of members now in the Army or Navy. It is known that Uncle Sam insures soldiers for a small amount. This benefit applies only to cases when the man is wounded, whereas his surviving relatives receive nothing in case of his death. The soldiers' insurance is valid only during wartime. It was therefore proposed that the organization create a fund out of which casual benefits would be paid. The solid, main assets will thus remain unimpaired.

There are sixty members of the Order in the field today. Some, or even all of these, may return and wish to continue as members. The organization cannot simply get rid of them, but they must be provided for, and it should be done today. In order to be properly prepared for serious losses in some cases, it will be advisable not to pay out full amounts of death benefits, but to make payments in installments distributed over several years.

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I G A motion by Mr. Mandrát was passed. It places a tax of ten cents per month upon every member in order to provide a fund for the benefit of soldier-members. The collection is to begin on March 1, and it is intended for all members, drafted or volunteers, regardless of who is doing the paying. Members who do not pay or for whom payments are not made will lose their membership.

The committee on resolutions then recommended the above-mentioned arrangements, and they were passed by the delegates.

Another item of discussion was the education fund. The proposal demanded a monthly payment of five cents for this fund. There were objections, and five cents for three months was finally agreed upon.....

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I G Part of the routine business of the meeting contained the financial report submitted by Brother J. J. Mick. The receipts of the casualty fund during the last four years amounted to \$156,535.31; the disbursements (for 147 lost cases) were 136,898. Receipts of the current fund for a like period were 11,213.75; expenses were 10,136.91. Income of the reserve fund for the four last years was 12,442.45; assets from former years are 308.70. Therefore, the total assets of the reserve fund are 20,845.15; disbursements, 19,575.90.

There were 2,568 members on December 31, 1917, who paid 153,900 into their respective lodges during which period is not mentioned in the article/..... All reports were acknowledged and approved. The meeting will be continued this morning, January 13.

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BOHEMIAN NATIONAL JANUARY

(January)

The regular meeting of the delegates of the Bohemian National Cemetery Association was held last night in the hall of the Česko-Slovenská Dobrovolná Společnost (Czech-Slovak Benevolent Association), at 131 Madison Street. The minutes for the various committees were read and approved. Then the results it appears that members will be elected for the next year. Mr. Jan Bouček, the present president of the association, and Mr. Josef Ševčík, vice-president, were nominated unanimously and without debate. Mr. M. Bouček, secretary, and Mr. Victor H. Filip, treasurer, were also elected to accept themselves. Messrs. Josef Ševčík and Joseph M. Ševčík accepted nomination as members of the executive committee, for two years. Messrs. Mr. Bouček, Mr. Ševčík, and Ševčík will be candidates for the one year term on that committee.

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Messrs. Jan Klaus, Jos. Kříž, and Albert Macháček were nominated for the auditing committee.

Mr. L. Tuma, manager, submitted the financial report, in the absence of the regular bookkeeper, Mr. Husák who was sick. There were forty-eight workmen employed last month, who received a total of 3,250.70 in wages.

A letter from the County committee of the České Národní Společnost (Czech National Alliance) was read. It informed the meeting that Mr. Liler, a member of the County committee, was sent to find for another contribution, such as has been granted annually by the County Association to the Alliance. Mr. Liler emphasized the need of money for the maintenance of the Czechoslovak Army in France [originated and managed by the Alliance]. A lively debate ensued, after which it was resolved that the County Executive committee should adhere to the original agreement [which is not stated in this

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article<sup>7</sup>, and that the matter should be postponed until a final decision on the amount of the contribution could be reached. The Cemetery committee declared, however, that it intends to grant the highest amount possible.

Routine business was then disposed of.....

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Mr. Smejkal pointed out that the operating costs of the crematory are high, and that the plant is not being used, as frequently as it was at first expected. The reason for this appears to be, he said, that the public is not sufficiently informed nor acquainted with the building. The latter contains one large hall, which may be rented to visitors for as little an amount as \$5, while another, a smaller one, is placed at the disposal of mourning guests free of charge. Proper advertising and agitation among our people will induce them to make better use of the Cemetery's facilities.....

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The treasury report of the January period not stated was: income, \$11,365.85; loss from last account, \$151.84; expenses, \$6,949.61; and, the balance in the treasury, \$4,164.41. This report was also acknowledged.

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**BENEVOLENT SOCIETY CELEBRATIONS DRAW LARGE CROWDS**

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III G It would be needless repetition of a well-known fact if we should

III H attempt to point out the profound significance of the annual New

I G Year's celebrations of the various units of our powerful benevolent

IV societies (Podpurných Jednot). Whether devoted to social, cultural,

or agitatorial activity, these gatherings have for years attracted the membership which is guided by the desire to be refreshed, to enjoy the company of fellow members, to rejoice over the prosperity of their unit, and to pledge itself to work for the benefit of the organization during the new year.

It is not only the members of the organizations who fill these social meetings to capacity. The general public attends these affairs to gain an insight into the beneficent activities of the organizations and to learn of the various opportunities which they offer. This is the practical purpose of

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these entertainments. The organizations have long known that with ever-decreasing immigration it is becoming increasingly difficult to gain new members or even to retain a status quo. Therefore, the organizations have sought an immediate means of making contact with prospective members. There is no promise of an alteration in this scarcity of eligible men and women members. If we may judge by the results of the affairs given yesterday, we may say that they served their purpose excellently.

#### Celebration of the Czecho-Slav Union

Yesterday was a holiday for the Czecho-Slav Union and for the multitude of their patrons and well-wishers. This was indicated by the large attendance which the spacious hall of the Pilsen Sokol could hardly accommodate, and by the festive mood which prevailed throughout the celebration.

The arrangements committee, consisting of Mrs. B. Laibl, Mrs. M. Pomazal, Mr. M. Císar, and Mr. A. Turek, had planned a program which was rich in

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variety and color, and which represented a high artistic standard.

Dr. J. P. Pecival, president of the Grand Lodge of the Czecho-Slav Union, was the main speaker of the afternoon. He elucidated on the difficulty of the conditions under which the Union is compelled to labor because of the abnormality of the present time. He emphasized the importance of co-operation as a prerequisite for the continued existence of the organization. In his opinion, a consolidation of the units is unavoidable, and was advocated long ago. The brotherhood organizations will feel obligated to merge into one large body, thus following the laudable example of our Sokols.

In the course of his speech Dr. Pecival mentioned the work done by the Czech National Alliance.

"This organization should receive the best possible support from Czechoslovak-America," he said, "for Czechoslovak independence is an ideal common to us all, and there never again will be as favorable a time to attain it. Here is an opportunity for our wealthy Czech people to fulfill a lofty duty, to sacrifice

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upon the altar of our subjugated homeland at least a part of their surplus wealth, and thus to memorialize their names as protectors whom the nation will esteem for centuries to come." Stormy applause rewarded the speaker.

The musical numbers of the program, which fulfilled high artistic requirements, were received with evident pleasure. The orchestral program was arranged by Brother Joseph Černý, and the selections were delivered in a manner worthy of any accredited orchestra.

The Česko-Dělnický Pěvecký Sbor (Czech Workingmen's Singing Association), and the Sbor Tambururášu (Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra) also performed. The singers offered three Slovak songs composed by the talented music director, Jos. Houdek. They were: "Kde Si Bola?" (Where Were You?); "Ach, Moj Bože, Čo Mám Robit?" (O My God What Am I To Do?), a baritone solo sung by Mr. Richard Adamíra; and "Pí, Ondřišku, Pi" (Drink Little Andy, Drink). The turbulent applause which followed these numbers was an indication of the

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audience's hearty appreciation. The Tamburasi played a selection of songs, "Czech Pearls", arranged by J. Machac, and a medley from the opera, "Faust", by Gounod. These selections earned clamorous applause.

Little Miss Marenka (May) Sramek, well known to our public, recited a satiric poem, "Svanda Dudak" (Svanda, the Bagpiper), by Korizek; the audience was carried away with the little girl's talent. The Liszt transcription of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was beautifully played as a piano solo by Miss Anna Cada. Miss Libusa (Libby) Zdenek moved the gathering by her art; she sang Marenka's air from Smetana's "Bartered Bride", "Kdybych Se Co Takoveho...." (Should I Ever Hear Anything Like That....). Mrs. Slavka Krejci, who as a soubrette has scarcely a rival upon our stage, charmed her listeners with Susie's song from Lehar's light opera, "Dratenicek," and Mr. Krejci sang a couplet, "Cesky Vandrak" (The Czech Wandering Boy), after which Mr. and Mrs. Krejci sang the piccolo-duet from "Waltz-Dream". The dancing school of Mrs. Helen Klaus-Mikuta gave an excellent exhibition of a "Fairy-

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Dance". "Our Flags", a patriotic scene arranged by Dr. Anton Mueller, was executed by boys and girls of the Besídka (Little Club). There were several more recitations.....

Dr. Ludwig Fisher was to have spoken for the Czech National Alliance, but he was unable to attend the celebration, because it was necessary that he appear at an out-of-town affair.

Mr. Jan Hřibal, auditor of the Czecho-Slav Union, made a financial report for the organization, which has 6,492 members. The organization's assets are \$72,764.78. The treasury fund of the Grand Lodge amounts to \$1,119.69; reserves are \$66,422.71. The Union has paid (in 1087 death cases) benefits amounting to \$928,021.71. Death benefits to the amount of \$66,250 were paid last year.

All lodges bought War Bonds very eagerly. The Grand Lodge paid \$3,000 for the War Bonds which it purchased. Mr. Hřibal spoke of the many improvements which have been made since the last fall meeting and which are expected to

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bear fruit in the near future. From the report it appears that the organization is founded upon sound economic principles, and that it has grown and prospered in spite of adverse general conditions. It is fulfilling its humanitarian and social purpose in our public and national life.

The meeting closed with a dance, during which prizes were distributed to those who had been most successful in gaining new members.

#### Czecho-Slav Benevolent Society Celebrates

The Grand Lodge in Illinois and the local lodges of the Česko-Slovanská Podporující Společnost (abbreviated Č. S. P. S., Czecho-Slav Benevolent Society) held their annual New Year's celebration yesterday in the Patronate House, West 18th and South May Streets. Without exaggeration it must be admitted that the program of the celebration was one of the best we have witnessed. If any fault is to be found then it must be found in the large number of lengthy selections. This made the program unduly long, so that the celebration did not come to an

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end until late at night.

This remark is not at all a suggestion to the arrangements committee. Next time it may be wise to remember the old Czech proverb that "too much--". In every other respect the committee deserves unstinted praise. Recognition for the untiring work of the committee was given by all those who had braved the inclement weather to be present at the celebration, and public recognition is accorded the committee through the press.

The program was opened by the excellent organ solo by Mr. Jos. V. Kodany, who also supplied the violin solos, the "Gavotins" by Hoff, and "Berendle of a Pierrot" by Raeger. The entire music of his orchestra far exceeded the performances of other orchestras heard on similar occasions.

President J. Becka, in addressing the gathering, spoke with emphasis and pointed to our duty at this time. He not only inspired the members of every lodge, but



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every individual as well, to stand loyally by President Wilson and his Government in this critical time of war. His words were received with loud, patriotic enthusiasm.

A fourteen-year-old boy, William Kříž, followed with an English oration, "Americanism", and was rewarded with thundering applause. Our well-known amateur actor and zealous patriotic worker, Joseph Jurka, held the undivided attention of the audience with a recitation of Sladek's poem "Na Přední Stráži" (On the Watch on the Foremost Front).

The main speaker of the day was our fellow countryman from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Attorney J. J. Vlach, a born orator. His was a heart-to-heart talk, delivered with true patriotic sentiment. In his address he laid emphasis upon unity, and upon the obligations which these grave times have placed upon our shoulders.

Several other numbers followed on the program. These included dancing, singing,

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and two one-act comedies.

The attendance was very good considering the bad weather. The celebration ended with a dance, which lasted until the morning hours. The arrangements committee may well be satisfied with the success of the day.

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FROM OUR ORGANIZATIONS

(Editorial)

A year's hard work is being completed by our organizations, whose satisfaction will be the consciousness of honest effort. The year 1917 has not been characterized by any event conspicuous in the routine of social activities. In the case of some societies the year has not been better, perhaps, than the one preceding it. In general, it has not been worse. Some organizations have been able to register an increase in membership. This was not expected, for reasons that we often mentioned. No matter how much one may wish for a growing membership, it cannot, under present circumstances, thrive. There is not material enough to solicit members. The situation was different only a few years ago.

We may well be prepared for future years to come without prospect of betterment. Restriction of immigration is one reason for the unfavorable conditions.

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Many members have enlisted in the armies.

The decreasing membership in our aid and benevolent societies will soon bring up the question of a unification of these organizations. The moment for such a step is favorable, and its urgency greater than ever before.

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FROM OUR SOCIETIES

(Editorial)

We recently mentioned the slack attendance at the meetings of our organizations. This, of course, has slowly become the rule among our societies. Today conditions are not far different from what they were last year and in the years preceding it. This is evident in the letters reaching us from various organizations.

A communication from the Česko-Slovanská Podporující Společnost (Czecho-Slav Aid Society) speaks frankly of this state of affairs. This special article may be taken as typical of almost all of our Czech organizations. We offer and excerpt:

Much care should be given to the aim of making the meetings occasions for diversion as well as hours of routine business. The meetings of members

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should be made attractive and should awaken the desire to attend, not only for administrative reasons, but for sociability as well. Members should consider their meetings as places for mental relaxation and intellectual delight, where reasonable information of educational value can be obtained.

Do not let us permit our social life to decay because of monotony! Formalities seem to dominate the meetings and so contribute to the decrease in interest.

Our meetings are being shaped after one pattern, and even our entertainments are being arranged in a similar stereotyped fashion. Many members, especially the younger ones, do not like to come in contact with old-fashioned formalities, and consequently they stay away from the meetings. It is necessary for our organizations to change their exteriors from time to time and to adopt more modern methods of transacting business. We have sublime aims, superior to those pursued by organizations of other nationalities; we should, therefore,

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be constantly preoccupied with the problem of how to pursue our purpose in the most efficient manner. We should also devise new ways of increasing membership. Do not let us overlook those of our people who are willing to work. Let us give them the opportunity to contribute their share of patriotic work. When they fail to come up to our expectations, we should not hold it against them.

Presidents should make their organizations as independent as possible, and they should educate members to perform the work allotted to them; these members should be responsible for the execution of their tasks.

Wielding the gavel should not constitute a barrier to peaceful discussion, but rather it should furnish a means for quieting troubled waters. Every brother should develop definite traits of character in himself. Sisters should take upon their shoulders the same responsibilities as the men. They should have the same rights and the same obligations.

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Let us give every brother and sister an opportunity to work and also to observe the results. In this way we shall inspire them with courage and enterprise. We shall thus bring up and educate new members and new leaders whose support will be a paramount need in the near future.

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BULLETIN

Denní Hlasatel, Nov. 11, 1917.

FROM CZECH SOCIETIES

The numerical strength of the Czech element in the State of Illinois as compared with others is particularly conspicuous in the number of delegates who are to attend the general assembly of the Č. S. L. S. [customary abbreviation for Česko-Slovenská Roderající Společnost (the Czech-Slavonic Aid Society)], which will be held in Chicago next year. The Society has 24,349 members in 251 lodges represented by 73 delegates. Of these 27 are from Illinois, 13 from New York, 12 from Ohio, 3 from Pennsylvania, 4 from Iowa, 3 each from Missouri and Tennessee, 2 each from Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, and 1 each from all other states.

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CZECHO-SLAVONIC UNION

After last Sunday's meeting, the Czecho-Slavonic Union has sent out a call to all our fellow countrymen who do not yet belong to any aid society. It is expected that this step will boost the Union's membership. The Czecho-Slavonic Union has celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation this year. The first quarter of a century of its existence has produced results which augur a splendid future for the organization. In one of its latest meetings, insurance for children over two years of age was introduced. The financial status of the Union is excellent.

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PREPARE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The lodges of the Cesko Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost (Czecho-Slavonic Aid Society) have elected the candidates from whom the representatives to the general assembly will be selected. The rules established for this election do not provide an individual delegate for each lodge. Instead, the representatives are apportioned to the various states according to the number of members within a state. Every lodge has already elected its candidate. The names were sent to the grand lodges which will arrange for the ballots. The members in each state will then elect their number of representatives. The next assembly will take place in Chicago next year.

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ZEAL WILL BRING GOOD LUCK

(Summary)

"How many coupons have you bought for the contest being held under the auspices of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Czech Benevolent Society)? The day is drawing near when you may become the winner of an automobile, a piano, a building lot, a diamond ring, or some other gift donated by charitable business men and individuals."....

The transaction in this charitable enterprise is simple. Business men have donated not only various prizes to the Benevolent Society, but time and work as well. Business men buy coupons and give one away with every ten-cent purchase. One winner may receive a fine gift; another winner may be entitled to have some work done for him, such as plumbing, etc.....



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### REPORT ON PICNIC

(Summary)

The Czech Ladies' Benevolent Society expresses its thanks for the enthusiastic support on the part of the Czech Chicago public which made their charitable picnic a brilliant success. Any member wishing to know about the accounting, which is now going on, will be welcome at our meetings held every Friday in the hall of Mr. Havluje, 26th Street and Avers Avenue. . . . Bills presented by some of the workers were paid; the workers themselves did not, as was incorrectly rumored, receive any pay for their services. . . . [There follows a list of donors. . . . ]



Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 16, 1917.

INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN

(Summary)

The Czech-American Union intends to keep up with the methods of similar associations of other nationalities. It has decided to introduce insurance for children of members and nonmembers also. The age group will range from one to sixteen years. The rate will be twenty-five cents per month for a \$250 policy. In case of death, payment will be made to legally authorized beneficiaries. . . . .



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RALLY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK UNION

(Summary)

The delegates of the Czechoslovak Union are making fast and smooth progress in their conferences. The second session was opened by Dr. Joseph Pecival in the Vojta Naprstek Czech school, Saturday Sept. 1st, with sixty-two delegates in attendance. Debates on changes of bylaws occupied most of their time.

An address which expressed our loyalty to the United States was sent to President Wilson; the respective motion was made by Dr. Anton Mueller.

A new schedule of fees and insurance was issued.

Mr. Fridl urged close co-operation or even unification of all Czech aid societies in order that they might put up necessary resistance to the attacks made by big insurance companies.



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The auditor's report states that the Czechoslovak Union had 4,418 members at the outset of 1910. The capital investment was \$25,863.47. In the year 1911 there were 5,254 members and \$34,790.78; in 1912 there were 64 lodges with 5,554 members and a total capital of \$42,305.06. The members were insured for \$4,099,250....At the end of 1916 there were 65 lodges with 6,511 members insured for \$4,807,500; the Union owned \$62,679.98.





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RALLY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK UNION

(Summary)

The first session of the sixth rally of the Czechoslovak Union was held in the Vojta Naprstek Czech language school, South Homan Avenue, yesterday forenoon. This is a holiday rally, for it celebrates the twenty-fifth year of existence of this aid society. Dr. Joseph Pecival opened the conference in the festively decorated hall. Almost all the delegates from the Chicago and out-of-town lodges were present. Doctor Pecival, who is president of the Grand Lodge, first suggested several improvements in the management of the Union. Among these was the establishment of a permanent office directed by the secretary, who is to devote his whole time to the organization. The president, the vice-president, the treasurer, the physician, and three members of the supervising committee, together with an organizer, should form the staff



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of this main office. He further suggested the readjustment of the dues rates, one of the main issues to be discussed in the sessions. He also declared the unification of all Czech aid societies was an urgent necessity, though previous attempts in this direction have proved abortive.

Doctor Pecival broached the question of loyalty of the Czechs during the War, and also the consequences of the world conflict upon aid societies and the insurance of children. He pointed out the patriotic obligations which the organization owes to this country, and acknowledging the praiseworthy efforts made by the organization in this respect, he emphasized, however, that unceasing endeavor is imperative if the ultimate result is to be reached--the liberation of the old homeland.

After the elections the appointments of various committees, and the settlement of routine business, the meeting was adjourned.



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In the afternoon session telegraphic congratulations and letters were read, among which the one sent by the Czech National Alliance expressed thanks for the support accorded to the Alliance up to the present. A similar communication was received from the Association for the Maintenance of Czech Free Thought schools. Proposed adjustments of the bylaws were debated until the meeting was adjourned for the afternoon.



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FROM OUR SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

(Summary)



It is remarkable how our women's organizations prosper in comparison with those composed of male membership only. The latter are having many difficulties in holding their own, while membership in women's clubs is increasing by leaps and bounds. This is due to the untiring, self-sacrificing activities of our women.

This year's annual report by the Sesterská Podporující Jednota (Unit of the Aid Sisterhood), the largest women's organization beside the Jednota Českých Dam [Czech Ladies Unit], which is the largest in the United States, was published recently. It shows that the Sisterhood has gained seven hundred new members in the last year which raises its membership to 12,238. The seventy-two groups into which the Sisterhood is divided, together

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possess \$107,085.95 in cash, while their Central Executive Committee possesses over \$1,621.78 in its treasury. The humanitarian efforts of the Sisterhood are remarkably reflected in the sum of \$2,850.19 donated for national patriotic and charitable purposes, and \$2,090.11, for the support of Czech schools during the last fiscal year.

Denni Hlasatel, July 29, 1917.

ECONOMY RULES CZECH AID SOCIETIES

(Summary of Editorial)

Attention has been made several times lately in our columns of the suit against the North American Union, an aid society, filed by some of its members who oppose a proposed merger with another society. Mergers are not infrequent with brotherhoods of this kind, and may prove beneficial to one or the other. This does not, however, apply to our Czech aid societies. A few details of the suit will enlighten the reader on the subject.

It became known that one intermediary in the merger was to receive \$100,000 for his services; and that the director, or manager, of the North American Union drew \$10,000 per year. This Union has only thirty thousand members, just a few thousand less than our own largest aid society, the Cesko-Slovenska Podporujici Spolecnost (Czech-Slovakian Aid Society), or our Jednota Ceskych Dancu.



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(Czech Ladies' Union).

Beside the director, the chairman and some other officers drew \$1,000 annually. It is obvious that with such management a merger became a necessity. Think of our societies paying \$10,000 yearly to one official, when in reality they are guarding themselves anxiously against unnecessary expenses! There is no such thing as a deficit, so common with organizations of other language groups, among us.....Czech organizations should rely upon themselves.



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Denní Hlasatel, July 22, 1917.

### CZECH FORESTERS THRIVING

(Summary)

The Brotherhood of Czech Foresters was founded seventeen years ago as a body independent of the main organization, to which it had belonged as a branch of the foreign section. At first its members were separated into a male and a female division, but they soon joined into a single organization.....

One of the first measures taken was to promise to pay the full death benefit to surviving members of families; the separation from the main body of the Order of Foresters had deprived them of compensation from the funds of the mother organization. The newly founded order was able, after a few years, to point to all their obligations as having been properly met.





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The anniversary of the creation of the independent brotherhood will be celebrated today. The order is one of the strongest and soundest Czech-American organizations. It has set a goal for itself with a twofold purpose: Charity and national activities.....

The Pilsen Brewery Park, on 26th Street and Albany Avenue, will be the scene of festive activities tonight.....

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN THE ČESKO-SLOVANSKÁ  
PODPORUJÍCÍ SPOLEČNOST

(Editorial--Summary)



A recent poll among the members of the Česko-Slovanská Podporující Společnost [usually abbreviated Č. S. P. S.] [Czecho-Slavonic Aid Society] showed that although the majority favors the installment of an "organizer," the necessary two-thirds majority could not be mustered.....An organizer is urgently needed to maintain the present number of members and to agitate for an increase..... Immigration has reached a low point, and new members can be drawn from Czechs already settled.....Recruiting also decreases the number of prospective members.

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/FINANCIAL AID GIVEN BY JEDNOTA CESKO-AMERICKYCH ZEN/

The Jednota Cesko-Americkych Zen (Union of Czech-American Women) has about 2,500 members. This humanitarian organization voted in its last meeting held in the Vojta Naprstek (Czech language freethinkers' school) on Homan Avenue, to contribute ten dollars to the Czech National Alliance, twenty dollars to the Czech branch of the American Red Cross, twenty dollars to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, ten dollars to the Alliance for the Maintenance of Free Thought schools, and smaller gifts to other institutions. The total amount which will be contributed is one hundred dollars.



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/WAR MEMBERS OF THE CESKO-SLOVENSKA JEDNOTA/

(Summary)

Twenty-three members of the Cesko-Slovenska Jednota (Czechoslovak Union) have volunteered for service in the United States Army. There is no clause in the statutes of the Union which deprives enlisted men of their membership. In order to remove possible doubt in regard to the membership of enlisted men, the organization inquired at the Illinois insurance commissioner's office. The answer read: "Court decisions in cases of retroactive bylaws clearly show that your enlisted men are entitled to membership. You are, however, at liberty to interpolate a clause into your statutes which defines military service as 'an impermissible occupation'. This article would have validity in the cases where men became members after its enactment. For protection



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against excessive financial losses on account of emergency cases of men already enlisted, we would suggest special assessments; briefly, these men should pay higher dues while they remain in the military service. We do not know what attitude the state and the federal governments are going to take in cases of abnormal mortality among members as a result of the war. We feel, however, that this matter is well within the jurisdiction of this department, and we shall be glad to advise you in each individual emergency."

After taking cognizance of the letter, the directors resolved to leave the final decisions to the plenum.



Denni Hlasatel, May 6, 1917.

CZECHS ADAPT AMERICAN METHOD OF ORGANIZING

The organ of the Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost (the abbreviation C. S. P. S. is often used) Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Society is advocating the installation of a special organizer in a capacity similar to that office in the great American organizations. One of our Czech organizations had accepted this system several years ago and found it satisfactory. The organizer travels throughout the country founding new branches, and enlarging smaller ones, at the same time he endeavors to strengthen the finances of the Society by arranging lectures and other agitational means, and, finally, he duly publishes reports concerning his activities.

The C. S. P. S. had had an organizer for the State of Illinois at one time; his tenure of office was only temporary. We do not venture to predict whether an organizer will be able to produce results in the large towns as Chicago or New York, which have Grand Lodges, and where the business of the organization is conducted along lines essentially different from those followed in the

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country districts, in which the approach of the organizer is easier.

....The outlay concomitant with the wages and expenses of an organizer may also be considered. In New York, the Grand Lodge has taken upon itself the promotion of a campaign for an increase of membership which is producing excellent results. The goal set is the acquisition of one thousand new members. If this figure can be reached, present conditions being considered, the success will be surprisingly brilliant, indeed.

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CZECHO-SLAVONIC SOCIETY GROWING

The offices of the Česko-Slovanská Jednota (Czecho-Slavonic Society) make the announcement that twenty-six persons have been proposed for membership, and thirty new certificates will be issued. Considering the large numbers lost by death, exclusion, or resignation, the membership is well within normalcy. This result is gratifying, and indicative of a steady growth of the Society.





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FROM THE CZECH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The Czech Benevolent Society will hold a Tag Day in the Czech National Cemetery May 30. To further bolster its finances, it has arranged for an evening with an abundance of artistic numbers. This affair is scheduled for October 24. It will be held in the Assembly Hall of Carter H. Harrison High School. The permission for the use of the premises has been given by the School Board, although the latter heretofore was not considered as a particular friend of the Czechs. Two ladies from the Benevolent Society, Mrs. Princ and Mrs. Sokol, were instrumental in obtaining permission, which was exceptional in one respect. The Benevolent Society will be allowed to collect an admission of 25 cents. The school rooms have never before been placed at the disposal of organizations which charged an admission. It is to be hoped that a fair amount of money will be collected as it will be very much needed for the coming winter.



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THE CZECH NATIONAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



During last night's meeting of the Czech National Cemetery in the C. S. P. S. (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Association) Hall, the financial report for the past month was approved.

Seventy-three workmen were employed by the Cemetery last month and received \$3,806.94 in wages. The request of the Sdruzeni Ceskych Svobodomyslnych Skol (Association of Czech Free Religious Schools), to be permitted to sell their picture cards in the National Cemetery on next Decoration Day, May 30, was granted. It was further resolved to furnish coal for the Czech Orphanage and Old People's Home, for a price commensurate with the lower amount the cemetery pays for coal wholesale.

A petition for aid submitted by Mrs. Anna Gruber was referred to the investigator. The woman's husband had committed suicide from despair over an incurable disease, which had kept him unemployed for over two years and had thus consumed the family's resources.

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It was announced that an agreement had been reached with the Cemetery workingmen who are to receive for a nine-hour day from 38 to 26 cents per hour with regular employment, while those temporarily employed are to receive 24 cents.

The purchase of coal, needed mainly for flower beds and greenhouses, presents a difficulty, inasmuch as prices have risen from \$2 to \$3.35 per ton for lump coal at the mine. Several Czech-American coal companies, invited to make bids to the Cemetery, have failed to respond.

The Cemetery has purchased a Ford truck for \$638. It is considered a good investment for the price, and it is being used for delivery of flowers from the greenhouse.

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#### A BAZAAR IN HAWTHORNE, ILLINOIS

It was upon the suggestion of several sincere Czech patriots who scouted all the Czech and Slovak associations and clubs in this community that a bazaar was arranged for March 24. There was a lecture by Mr. F. Klepal. The proceeds went to the Ceske Narodni Sdruzeni (Bohemian National Alliance). The preliminary work devoted to the affair took about one week only. It was, therefore, not possible to follow an extensive outline. The committee in charge had done its best. It consisted of seven ladies who solicited gifts. One booth was completely filled with beautiful articles made by the Czech and Slovak women. The attendance did not meet with the expectations of the committee, and the gifts had to be raffled at rather low prices in order to dispose of them at all, and to transform them into gifts of money which the Bohemian National Alliance needs so much.

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It must be admitted on our part that wherever patriotic aims are in the foreground, there the Czechs always lag behind the Slovaks. We mean here in Hawthorne. There were many more Slovak than Czech visitors at the Bazaar.

Mr. Klepal in his lecture said: "If you hesitate to contribute to the treasury of the Bohemian National Alliance for patriotic causes then, at least, do it for the benefit of suffering mankind."

The concensus of the opinion of the committee is that the part of the money that is not employed for political purposes, should be used for the alleviation of the hardships imposed on the Czech people of the old country. Many simple minded questions, it was related by the ladies, were put to them on the occasion of collections. One woman, so one story goes, asked "what was being done with the monies taken in?" And "whether Professor Thomas G. Masaryk would keep the money for himself?" When the



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IV            lady, intrusted with the collection, offered a booklet containing the biography of Professor Masaryk for the price of one dime, she met with a refusal. Some people do not want to know about Masaryk, they only want to criticise him. They do this to hide the fact that they are loath to contribute.

The proceeds from the bazaar amounted to \$200.

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### NATIONALISTIC ACTIVITIES OF CZECH-AMERICAN MASONS

The Jan Hus League of the Czecho-Slavic Free Masons, through its secretary, Mr. Max Kirchman of Gary, Indiana, publishes records of its activities which have found much favor in wider circles of the Masonic orders of America. The league was founded in 1914. From that time on, it has begun to acquaint the Masonic order in the United States with their national activities, they have thereby accomplished a great amount of important work.

The March issue of The American Freemason prints an interesting article about the national exertions of the League. The article appreciates the patriotic attitude of the members, and the loyalty toward the country in which they, or their forebears, were born.

Mention is made of the oppression to which the Czech nation is subjected,



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and hope is expressed that the hour of liberation is not remote for the Czechs who represent one of the most progressive nations of Europe, and whose value has been recognized in the Allied peace note as an answer to an inquiry by President Wilson. The article also dwells on the extensive activities of the Czechs in their Masonic lodges, a rapid growth of which is anticipated when the War is ended. In another article, the loyalty manifesto of the Czech Freemasons sent to President Wilson is quoted.

The Jan Hus League will arrange a Hus celebration this summer. One part of the yield will go to the Czech National Association, the remainder will be used for Slavonic propaganda among the various Masonic lodges of Europe.





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WHEN MEMBERSHIP BECOMES A DUTY

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If any one should doubt the value of our aid societies as national organizations, he can rectify his erroneous notions by considering the munificent amount of money donated to the Czech National Association by the diverse units, orders, lodges, courts, and groups. All of these are combining their forces to make the proposed bazaar of the Czech National Association a brilliant success, and so contribute to the work done by us for the liberation of our old homeland. All of the brotherhoods and sisterhoods have for many years been giving their best efforts to patriotic enterprise. Most of the important national projects could not possibly have been carried on without their ardent cooperation.

Suffice it to point to our liberal school whose maintenance depends solely upon the patriotic good will of the societies. In other words, there could not exist one Czech language school in Chicago without their support. Of

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all our national institutions which have become necessities in these times, the Czech Liberal school is the most important. It has become an urgent need since immigration was restricted. Not much attention had been paid to the Czech school as long as great throngs of immigrants disembarked on our shores. The World War has materially changed these conditions. The Czech school here represents the only source from which to draw national consciousness sufficient for the building up and perpetuating of national associations. The latter, in turn, while maintaining the Czech school, work for their own preservation by securing the allegiance of the Czech-American adolescent.

This refutes the contention frequently voiced that the Czech aid societies are nothing but insurance companies, and, therefore, not very different from the American mutual aid societies. Insurance is, of course, the essence of membership, even in our societies, but the concomitant of national obligation elevates our organizations above the level of mere economic ventures. This

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fact also distinguishes our associations from the organizations of other nationalities, and should stimulate our fellow countrymen to join some Czech-American society. To be a member of our societies, means not only ownership of a security, but the performance of a duty toward our people as well.

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### CHARITY GUIDES CZECH WOMEN



The first year of the existence of the Cesky Damsky Pomocny Spolek (Czech Ladies Aid Society) has been completed, and a plenary meeting gave an account of its activities. During the first months the society, which had no initial funds, was entirely dependent upon the membership dues of only 20 cents per two months. This income was augmented by the yield of small entertainments with raffles, for which each member usually donated some small object of interest or commercial value. A fund was built up in this manner, and when the society ventured to hold a picnic in Hilsen park, its treasury gained \$550.

The ambitions of the society are directed toward extending aid to poor families and the support of orphans. The society also acts as practical adviser to the destitute, whose predicament can often be traced to ignorance in the handling of domestic affairs.

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#### BENEVOLENT SOCIETY IN GENERAL MEETING HERE

The fourth, and last session in the first general meeting of the Cesko-Americka Jednota (Czech-American Union) was held here, brother V. Basta presiding. After the election of the officers, the finance committee received donations and pledges for the support of humanitarian institutions and of our liberal schools. The organization has been giving attention to the bringing up of our youth, for with this next generation it hopes to fill the ranks of past members of its own and of other Czech-American societies. The Old Peoples Home, the Orphanage, and the association for the maintenance of the liberal schools in Chicago and Cleveland, are those institutions of which the Czech-American Union has always thought first, as they are considered of the greatest importance in our life. An amount of \$100 was also awarded to the National Association for the pursuit of political action. The finance committee reported that a deficiency of \$200, dating from a former secretary, has been made good. A few changes in the by-laws were effected, and the session of this, the first general meeting

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closed with a get-together and dinner. The next general meeting is to be held here in two years hence.

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ORDER OF CZECH BROTHERHOOD CELEBRATES

The spacious hall could hardly accommodate the large crowd in festive mood that surged into the home of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Society to celebrate New Year's eve. This society is the oldest and most widespread Czech brotherhood in the United States. The attendance was much larger than the one at our recent jubilee festival. If there is a deeper sense to be attached to this increase, it may mean an augmented grasp of the brotherhood's value for our public life, and a manifestation of willingness to extend aid to the association, so prosperous for many years, in order to make it grow bigger still.

The managing committee, consisting of brethren J. Janda, V. Cerny, Mejdrich, Rusin, and Soukup had prepared a program full of variety and artistic values which, though it comprised eighteen numbers, held the attention of

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the crowds to the very end. One of the high points of the affair was the festival oration delivered by brother Vaclav Svarc, of Cleveland, who took the floor after the rendition by Mr. and Mrs. Arno Hess of the national anthem "Kde Domov Muj?" (Where Is My Homeland?), and referred to the song by pointing to its beauty and patriotic spirit, which should, particularly in this momentous era, pervade every Czech soul and stimulate them to patriotic sacrifice. The speaker said that he belonged to twenty different societies, but that he would not hesitate to belong to the C. S. P. S. if he had the choice of one only. The reason for this, he proclaimed is not only because the society guarantees so many benefits, but because it represents a link between the people and the nation, and has contributed in great measure to our prosperity in America and to the sustenance of patriotic feeling in our new homeland. This country, he



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admonished the gathering, has not only great fortunes, but many temptations as well in store, which fact should urge us to combine all our strength to properly fulfill our national duties. He continued: "We Czech-Americans are a mere reflex of the Czechs of the old country, but must be mindful of the precious heritage from our forefathers and our great men, and we must fearlessly proclaim our allegiance to our nationality, just as the pioneers and the founders of this association have done. We ought to look up with reverence to our national association help them into prosperity, and finally get rid of the ugly habit of thinking that the foreign associations are better than ours. It is a notion, painful to mention, of some of the parents that they are neglecting their duty when they raise their children in the Czech spirit, and when they do not suppress Czech feeling, as if life were more worth living without it.

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True enough, it seems difficult to prevent our children from becoming denationalized while they are in constant contact with those who speak English, but with some good will we can make them remain loyal to the mother tongue. If the Americans show eagerness to learn foreign tongues, as for instance Russian, it is much more our duty to save our children for the Czech nation. It is to you, Czechs of Chicago, that we look up as the most numerous and prosperous branch of the people; this implies the admonition that you should not forget to use the opportunity given by your riches to do your duty for the welfare of the nation. Just as the poor man is duty bound to his nation, so is the rich man, only to a greater extent. The C. S. P. S. has always done its duty, and its growth shall guarantee the welfare of the great Czech-American family."

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After these words in the Czech language, Mr. Svarz addressed the adolescent, who were strongly represented in the English language; he gave them a sincere talk which was frequently interrupted by salvos of applause as was his main speech.

The brilliant success of yesterday's celebration will be an inspiration to further national activities for all of us.

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ZABAVA CERCHOVA JIZ DNES!

This evening, the members and friends of Dobrocinný Krouzek Cerchov (Charitable Circle Cerchov) will attain that for which they had been waiting so long.

They will meet at the Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs Hall on Lawndale Avenue to take part in a charming entertainment, which may be found only among conscious, sincere Bohemian men and women; every one of Cerchov members and their friends may be classed in that category.

He who wants to enjoy himself in a selected company, entertained with a brilliant program and solicitous hospitality, and he who wants to add his mite to the support of noble, nationally important causes which Cerchov pursues, everyone who wishes to stimulate our enthusiastic workers to greater efforts, let him come to today's entertainment. He will be heartily greeted and experience a true satisfaction. The admission for a gentleman is one dollar, for a lady fifty cents.



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FROM CICERO

Sbor Mir Cechie, Cislo 71, Sesterska Podporujici Jednota v Cicero (Society of Bohemian Peace, Number 71, Ladies' Benevolent Union) has decided to form a club which later will be affiliated with the mother body.

The young ladies in this locality, who are not members of any benevolent society, should take advantage of this offer, and join this prosperous organization.

The initiation fee has been cut in half, and that alone should be an incentive to join this newly formed club.

Any lady wishing to become a member of this new club may do so by calling on one of the following founders: Marie Novotny, 5405 West 24th Street; Marie Prokes, 5411 West 24th Street; Anna Sklenicka, 5016 West 23rd Street; or Louise Kubicek, 5619 West 23rd Street, who will give all necessary information.

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CESKA DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST  
Annual Election of Directors

The annual meeting of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) was held Friday evening on the second floor of Sokol Chicago Hall, with a large attendance, and at which meeting the officers of the directorate submitted their yearly reports. These reports will surely bring them deserved recognition.

The sphere of activity of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost, with its efficient business management, for which the present officials are accountable, marks this as one of the most commendable organizations among the Czechs.

After the reading of the minutes by the secretary, Reverend Vanek, which were accepted as read, the secretary's annual report was read and accepted. This report and minutes will be found in another section of this newspaper.

It was agreed that the secretary's annual report be printed in Czech and English

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and copies used for agitation and for informative purposes.

The secretary now read the names of all the members of the organization: the names of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost; the Auxiliary Committee of Czech Ladies, and the names of the young ladies of the Junior League. These three last named societies are doing valuable work which the secretary's report shows in detail.

The business of the meeting further showed the work done by the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost from its inception; the amounts in dues collected, gifts received and the moneys received from the many undertakings amount to \$28,916; whereas the total disbursements are approximately \$25,452.

The receipts for the year just ended were less than for the previous year; but the expenses were less, because there were not as many calls for assistance.

Mr. Goetshe, a public accountant, examined the accounts of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost gratis, and sent the report to the Chicago Association of Commerce

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which reported to the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost by letter. It was agreed at this meeting that Mr. Goetshe be made a member of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost in recognition of services rendered.

The chairman, in a fervent address, called attention to the meritorious work of the ladies in the interest of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost, and said that, for the interest manifested, the ladies should be represented on the board of directors. Motions were presented referring to the ladies' representation by Messrs. Hajicek, Cermak and Bolek with no dissenting votes, and the ladies are requested to make their own choice of directors, of whom there are to be nine.

Because the business of this meeting called for the election of directors to fill vacancies, the nominating committee, composed of Messrs. A. J. Cermak, Stanislav Loula, and Eduard Kvidera, retired to another room to deliberate on the naming of these directors. When the names were presented to the whole body, they were accepted without a dissenting vote.

The board of directors is now composed of the following **gentlemen**, elected to



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serve three years: Petr Drije, Jan A. Cervenka, Eduard Kvidera, Vaclav Cihak, Fratisek Kreml, Karel Mrizek, Alois Solar, and Dr. F. Jirka. The following gentlemen were elected to serve two years: Robert W. Dvorak, Josef A. Smejkal, Vaclav Triner, and Vaclav Topinka. And the following gentlemen were re-elected [two-year terms]: Reverend Vaclav Vanek, Jan Sokol and Karel V. Janovsky. The gentlemen elected to serve one year are: Josef Z. Uhlir, Frantisek G. Hajicek, Frantisek J. Petru, Roman Sedlacek, Karel Novak, Antonin Laadt, Josef F. Bolek, and Stanislav J. Loula. Mr. Josef Zelusky was elected investigator without remuneration.

The chairman, in a short address, then thanked the officers, the press, and finally Mr. A. J. Cermak, who would not accept the nomination as director, although pressed to do so by the officers and members. He gave as his reason for not accepting the prevalence of reports by misinformed persons which reflect upon Mr. Cermak's honor, and therefore he is of the opinion that it would be better for the organization if he did not accept office. Nevertheless, Mr. Cermak promised that he would be just as active in the future as though he

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were a member of the board. Mr. Cermak then presented an outline of the work which he hoped to accomplish with the aid of his co-workers; he further gave vent to his disapproval of the conduct of some of our wealthy people who, despite their affluence, show no concern for their countrymen who are in want.

Messrs Sokol, Janovsky, Loula, and Krasny seemed unable to find appropriate words of praise for Mr. Cermak's work in the interest of the Ceska Dobrocinná Spolecnost, and said they were sorry he was leaving the directorate.

The receipts of this meeting were: Garden City Brewing Company, \$25; Mr. Josef Z. Uhlir, \$25; Mr. Alois Hell, \$10; Union Wholesale Liquor Company, \$25; Mr. Josef Kostohryz, \$5; Mr. Josef Jiran, \$5; after which the meeting was adjourned.

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VYROCNI SCHUZE DOBROCINNE SPOLECNOSTI

Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost (The Bohemian Charitable Association) will hold its next annual meeting Friday, February 18, and every member is requested to attend.

The meeting will be called to order at 8 P. M. at Sokol Chicago Hall. In addition to the regular business of the evening, the yearly reports of the officials of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost will be submitted. This will be followed by the election of directors and officials.

This will be the sixth yearly meeting of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost. During that time, assistance in the amount of \$26,000 was given to indigent Czech families. The desire for greater activity of all well-wishers of our association should, therefore, be apparent, and it is expected that every member will be present.

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MEETING OF THE SBOR CESKEHO NARODNIHO HRIBOTOVA

The regular meeting of the Sbor Ceskeho Narodniho Hribotova (Bohemian National Cemetery Association) was held yesterday evening, with a large number of representatives of fraternal societies present, under the chairmanship of Mr. Mencl, who is officially the vice-chairman of the Association, but who officiated as chairman in the absence of the chairman, Mr. Hladovec, who is sick.

The minutes of the previous meeting, read by the secretary, were approved.

The bills payable presented by Mr. Husak were ordered paid. One of these bills was for the salaries of forty-nine workmen at the cemetery, amounting to \$2,475.17 for the month of January: the other account was for \$15,000 paid for bonds, bought with the surplus cash on hand. They are the bonds of the Chicago Harbor and Improvements, and the purchase was approved by the Sbor Ceskeho Narodniho Hribotova.

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The next order of business was the reading of names of the newly elected representatives of the Sbor Ceskeho Narodniho Hribotova, among whom were: Mr. Jan Pecha and Mr. Frantisek Boucek, representing Loze Prokop Velky Cislo 3., Jednota Taboritu (Lodge Prokop the Great, Number 3., Association of Taborites); Josef W. Egermayer, representing the Cesko-Americky Spolek Pro Spalovani Mrtvych (Czech-American Cremation Society); Messrs. Josef Spevak and Jan Treml, representing the Sbor Cesko-Slovanskyh Vyslouzilcu (Association of Czech-Slavonic Veterans).

The Sbor Zastupcu Utulny a Sirocince (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage Association) sent a letter in which they thanked the Sbor Ceskeho Narodniho Hribotova for a donation of \$500, and also requesting that the association send representatives to the Sbor Zastupcu Utulny a Sirocince (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage Association). It was agreed that the request be granted.

The request for assistance to create a larger circulation of the publication

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Svobodna Skola (Free School) was taken under advisement, and the representatives were asked to further that cause in their respective organizations.

The Narodni Slovenska Skola (The National Slovak School) is presenting a request for yearly monetary assistance for its school. Mr. Frantisek Masek, Senior, has agreed to investigate the tenor of instruction at that institution and make a report thereon, after which a decision will be arrived at.

Patronat Svobodomslne Skoly (The Board of Trustees of the Free Thought School) in the Morton Park is requesting financial help to build a school, giving as the reason for the request the difficulties they are experiencing in finding a suitable place for their school. Representative Spousat presented an oral explanation, after which \$50 was donated.

The appeal for financial aid, sent in by the Cesko-American Matice

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Skolska (Czech-American School) of New Jersey, was laid on the table.

An affiliate of the Ceske Narodni Zdruzeni (Bohemian National Alliance) is making an appeal for funds to be used for the benefit of Czech independence; it was agreed to postpone action on this request for some time, and to wait for further developments in Europe.

Applications for the return of moneys paid for burial lots were turned over to the board of directors. The following people are the applicants: Mr. B. Zmrhal, Mrs. Katerina Rafajka, and Mrs. Josefina Roth.

The board of trustees announces the following transfers of ownership of cemetery lots: Mrs. Anna Blazek to Mr. Josef Blazek; Mr. Vaclav and Mrs. Filomena Franek to Mrs. Anna Kozak; Mrs. Marie Bruzek to Mrs. Marie Dvorak; and Mrs. Marie Dvorak (part of lot) to Mrs. Marie Bruzek.

The secretary, Mr. Masek, read the financial report of activities during

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the last six months, ending the last day of December.

This report shows that the total amount received was \$83,486.51; disbursements (bonds included amount to \$19,600), \$65,256.78; so that \$18,229.73 is in the possession of the treasurer. The assets in the last six months have been increased by \$15,696.32, so that now the total assets amount to \$689,332.40.

During the last six months 846 dead were buried, and 42 cremated. The total to date is 34, 119 buried and 93 cremated. Up to the first of January, 5,454 burial lots were sold. The proceeds of the Cemetery Association up to this time are \$1,721,127.04; the disbursements, \$1,702,897.31. Ending with January 1, \$90,536.06 has been paid on the crematory account. The auditor sanctioned this expense and recommended a number of accounts for collection. The auditor's report received the approval of this assembly. It was likewise agreed to send notices to debtors to pay their accounts within thirty days. The treasurer's report also was read, which shows a balance of



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\$27,891.93; the receipts were \$55,594.58; the disbursements, \$65,256.75; bonds and other obligations paid amount to \$13,000; \$20,000 worth of new bonds were bought; the Sbor Cesko-Narodniho Hrbitova now owns, in all, \$345,889.46 worth of bonds. This last report also was accepted.

Mr. Evgen Friedl, a member of the board of directors, announced receipts of \$2,402.50 which represented the interest on bonds.

In reference to reports of committees, Mr. Smejkal reports that, with a more thorough inspection of the Civil War veterans' monument, the repair cost now is estimated at \$323 instead of the previous amount of \$260. The board of directors has ordered the committee to proceed with the repairs.

Mr. Smejkal then read a written report relative to the fund for the improvement of graves, which report must be presented to the county court every two years. This report was ordered accepted.

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The board of directors presented a resolution in which it asked that the officers in charge of the next Decoration Day celebration and beautification of graves be exhorted to greater efforts, because more preparatory work now will be needed on account of the growing popularity of the activities. This resolution was unanimously adopted. The superintendent, Mr. Tuma, reported that work on the columbarium in the crematory has been started.

Finally the election of officers was ordered and the following men were elected to serve one year: chairman, Mr. Jan Pecha; vice-chairman, Mr. Budilovsky; secretary, Mr. Frantisek Mencl; treasurer, Mr. Josef Jurka; member of the board of directors for two years, Mr. Josef Smejkal; to serve on the board for one year, Mr. Evgen Friedl; to serve an unexpired one-year term, Tomas David.

The following gentlemen were elected to serve as members of the auditing committee for one year: Albert Machacek, Jan Rothbauer, and Jan Klaus. As representatives to the Zdruzeni Ceskych Svobodomylnych Skol (Bohemian

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Federation of Free Thought Schools), Messrs. Illich and Svoboda were selected. Mr. Pecha and Mr. Matejka were elected to represent the Sbor Zastupcu Ceskeho Narodniho Hribotova at the meetings of the Sbor Zastupcu Utulny a Sirocince (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage Association).

Mr. Longin Tuma was elected superintendent of the Sbor Zastucu Caskeho Narodniho Hribitova, for one year. The financial secretary and the assistant financial secretary, respectively, are Mr. Husak and Mr. Velisek.

Here follows a list of names of persons who deposited sums of money for the improvement of graves: August Filek, for three graves, \$300; Josephine Ligler, for one grave, \$100; Katerina Halla, for two graves, \$200; Dr. Anna J. Fronk, for one grave, \$100; Jan C. Broz, for two graves, \$200.

The treasurer, Mr. Josef Jurka, announced receipts of \$8,309.20; expenditures were \$19,136.80; cash on hand as of January 1, \$18,229.73; and a balance of \$7,402.23 (sic).

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With the reading of Mr. Jurka's report, all business on hand was completed, and the chairman ordered the meeting adjourned.

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MEETING OF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Sbor Zastupcu Česko-Národního Hřbitova (Bohemian National Cemetery Association) was held yesterday evening; vice-chairman František Mencl presided in place of Chairman Hladovec, who is sick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read; as were the bills payable presented by the financial secretary, Mr. Husák. Included among these bills was one totaling \$3,550.51 for wages to fifty-two workmen employed on the cemetery grounds during the month of December.

Among the letters read was one from Dr. Mueller. He sent his regrets for not attending the meeting, and thanked the Bohemian National Cemetery Association for the floral gift sent him in acknowledgement of Dr. Mueller's oration at the cemetery last Memorial Day. Mr. Kroc also sent his apologies for his inability to be present.

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The secretary read the names of the delegates of the many organizations represented in the Sbor Zástupců Česko-Národního Hřbitova.

The Matice Vyssího Vzdělání (Council on Higher Education) and the Zaružení Českých Svobodomyslných Škol (Federation of Free Thought Schools) thanked the Sbor Zástupců Česko-Národního Hřbitova for its yearly contribution.

It was agreed by the delegates to donate \$500 to the Česká Útulna A Siročinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage).

The Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Benevolent Association) is applying for a yearly contribution. It was agreed to answer by letter that our organization cannot comply with the request.

The executive committee recommended a change of ownership of the following lots: Jan and Marie Samek to Vojtech and Anna Šerý; Ferdinand and Anna Roth to Anna Sklenička.

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The executive committee presented a report relative to the repairing of the Union Army monument for \$260. The committee was ordered to proceed with the repairs.

The executive committee along with the building committee announced that the columbarium will be opened to the public in March.

In reference to the acquiring of titles to the lots in front of the crematorium, the committee in charge gives assurance that that matter will soon be settled, and that the steps in front of the crematorium will be finished to the satisfaction of the committee.

The financial secretary placed before delegates a letter received from Belgium, with a check enclosed; this check had been sent to Belgium in the year 1914 to pay for an order which they, in Belgium, could not fill, and so they returned the check. It was agreed that, for the present, the financial secretary should keep the check.

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Manager Tuma spoke of the visitors he entertained--representatives from the convention of the "Society for the Incineration of the Dead," held in Detroit, Michigan. These representatives, according to Mr. Tuma, were **very** agreeably surprised with the working of the cremation plant, considering the short time that it has been in operation--about a year.

Mr. Evžen Frydl announced that the month of December had been the best in the sale of bonds issued to pay for the crematorium; sales amounted to \$2,600.

Mr. Tuma said that he was asked by representatives of two German societies whether a written agreement could not be made relative to the incineration of the members of said societies. It was agreed to notify those two German societies that they may incinerate their dead, but no written agreement will be given them.

Because yesterday's meeting preceded the yearly one, the nomination of officers for the coming year was in order, and the following were placed in nomination: chairmen, Mr. Jan Pecha and M r. J. Budilovský; vice-chairman,



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Mr. Frantisek Mencl; secretaries; Messrs. Novak, B. V. Vacek, and V. J. Filip; financial secretaries; Josef J. Yurka and Victor H. Cerny; board of directors to fill the office of Josef Smejkal; Josef A. Smejkal, František Petru, and Antonin Záhrebský. Board of directors for a one-year period to fill vacancy: Evžen Frydl, Josef Ringl, František Boucek, and Václav Pšenička. Mr. Pecna had accepted the nomination for chairman. He resigned his position as member of the board of directors, where he was to have served another year; that position has to be filled, and the following were nominated: Messrs. K. Kopecký, Tomáš David, and J. Spěvák. The following gentlemen were nominated to represent us on the auditing committee: Machacek, Jan Klaus, Brezina, V. Sedláček, J. Chobot, and J. Rothbauer.

After announcing receipts of \$9,544.19, expenditures of \$10,600.18, and a balance on hand of \$18,229.73, the meeting was ordered adjourned.

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THE UNIFICATION OF FRATERNAL UNIONS

The Svaz Česko-Slovanských Podporujících Jednot's  
Call for Convention

The question of a unification of Bohemian benevolent organizations is a question affecting not only their membership but the whole Bohemian Free Thought public. It cannot be denied that the responsibility for the upkeep of our Free Thought institutions and, in general, the leadership in the activities of the whole Bohemian-American Free Thought public, rests almost entirely on our fraternal unions. If these activities are not all that could be desired, the fault is in certain matters concerning officers and their continuity, rather than in a lack of good workers and of their willingness. It is for this reason that the Svaz Česko-Slovanských Podporujících Jednot (Federation of Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Unions) has issued this proclamation to the wider Bohemian public.

In February of this year, a convention of six Bohemian benevolent unions was

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held in Chicago: the Česko-Slovenské Podporující Spolky (Bohemian-American Benevolent Associations), the Česko-Slovenská Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Unity), the Česko-Slovenská Bratrská Podporující Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Fraternity), the Jednota Lábor (Lábor union), the Česko-Američtí Lesníci a Lesnice (Bohemian-American [Men and Women] Foresters), and the Česko-Americká Jednota (Bohemian-American Union). This convention adopted certain principles on which the unification of these six unions was to be undertaken. Each union was to **vote** on it not later than July 1, 1915.

Because of unexpected difficulties arising after the convention, the dead line for the voting has been indefinitely postponed by the Lvaz. But it is felt that by now all unions have had sufficient time to do what their official representatives agreed would be done, and that the work on the unification of at least the six unions which have expressed their willingness for it should be continued without **further** delay. It is to be regretted that the headquarters of other unions have been putting obstacles in the way of the unification in spite of the fact that a large majority of the members

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are agreeable to it. But where the membership has not sufficient power to make its officers do what it wants, such unions will have to be left alone, because no further delay of the unification appears possible.

Desiring to bring the whole matter of unification to a successful conclusion, the Svaz Česko-Slovanských Podporných Jednot has agreed to call a convention of such unions as have agreed to the unification. This convention will be held in Chicago, beginning March 10, 1916. So far there are three such unions, to wit, the Česko-Slovanská Jednota, the Česko-Slovanská Bratrská Podporující Jednota, and the Česko-Americká Jednota. In one union, the Jednota Táboritu, the idea has been rejected, the unification not having received the necessary two-thirds majority of the votes of its lodges, that is, fifteen votes. Thirteen lodges either have not voted or have not sent in their ballots within the time specified by the headquarters of the Tábor Union, that is, prior to August 15, 1915. One lodge mailed its ballots on August 14, but because they had not reached the headquarters on August 15, they were declared void. The ballots of that lodge would have

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changed entirely the outcome of the voting. To pass upon this action of the headquarters is, of course, up to the membership of the Jednota Táboritu. Most of the individual members of the Jednota favor the unification and it is hoped that the manipulations of its headquarters will be thwarted, because it has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction among the membership.

In the Jednota Česko-Amerických Lesníků a Lesnic the voting has taken place, but its grand lodge has declared that the voting cannot be considered valid because serious objections, of a legal and financial nature, have been advanced against the unification. As a matter of fact, however, many unifications of fraternal unions have taken place both this year and last year, and the unions are still in **existence** without being molested by state commissioners. The question of finances has been very thoroughly discussed in the financial secretary's report, and no objections to it have been filed.

The Česko-Slovenské Podporující Spolek has met with opposition in its own headquarters office, which has refused to submit the conditions of the unification to its members. At first the headquarters office said the

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refusal was based on the constitution and bylaws, when, it was alleged, provide that a proposed change in the constitution must be presented by each lodge in a certain specified manner in a referendum to the members, and that the conditions of the unification constituted, in principle, a change in the constitution. When, however, one lodge presented that question in the proper form to its members, the grand lodge to which the lodge belongs asked the headquarters office of the Česko-Slovenské Podporující Spolky to what article of the constitution the proposed change referred. The headquarters office made no direct reply to that question but stated openly that it would not permit any voting because it is doubtful about the legality of the proposed unification. According to the constitution, the headquarters has no right to proceed in that way, but apparently that was considered immaterial. The legal aspects of the unification were fully discussed in the secretary's report to the convention, which included quotations from the best authorities, prominent corporation lawyers, who declared the unification possible from the legal point of view. Just as it is true that a person who dislikes a certain law can always find a lawyer

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who will advance the opinion that the law is invalid, so the foes of the unification have found a lawyer who will declare the unification illegal.

The above constitutes, in brief, the history of the movement for unification up to this time.

The results of the voting are as follows:

The Česko-Slovanská Jednota: for unification, 2,545 votes; against, 834 votes. Total, 3,379 votes; two-thirds majority, 2,252.

The Česko-Slovanská Bratrská Podporující Jednota: for unification, 1,972 votes; against, 11 votes. Total, 1,983 votes; two-thirds majority, 1,322 votes.

The Česko-Americká Jednota: for unification, 818 votes; against, 24 votes; void, 4 votes. Total, 846 votes; two-thirds majority, 564 votes.

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The Jednota Táboritu: for unification, 900 votes, against, 472 votes.  
Total, 1,372 votes; two-thirds majority, 915 votes.

The organ of the Česko-slovanské Podporující Spolky maintains that there is very little interest in the voting. That this statement is incorrect is evident from the fact that no voting ever is participated in by the majority of the members. If the aut or of the article will consult the records of his own organization, he will be surprised. We call his attention to the referendum of the Modern Woodmen of America concerning an increase in dues, a matter of great importance to the membership. At that time the organization had one million members of whom only 50,000 voted. The Socialist party conducts a referendum on any important question, and it is rarely that more than twenty-five per cent of the ballots are returned. Anybody who has any experience in such matters will admit that the results of voting on the unification question show considerable interest.

In view of all these circumstances, the Svaz Česko-slovanských Podporujících



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Jednot has found that it is impossible to wait until the interval affairs of the unions under discussion are settled, and has decided to undertake the unification of those unions which will signify their agreement and send their delegates to the convention. In view of the rather distant date of the convention, March 20, 1916, every union will have ample opportunity to make a final decision.

By an expression of opinion, our public can render on this, as on any other public question, an important service. There is no doubt that the unification of our benevolent organizations would be profitable to the whole Bohemian Free Thought public, and would have a most beneficial influence upon the Free Thought movement. Certainly there are no obstacles which would make the realization of this idea impossible. We appeal, therefore, to our public to help by its influence to bring this matter to a successful issue, and to bear favorably in mind those unions which have shown their good will toward this worthy idea. It may be a truism, and against good taste to use it in these serious times, but we feel that the adage by which we

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and this proclamation is exceptionally fitting. Therefore we say, "In unity is strength".

For the Svaz Česko-Slovanských Podporujících Jednot,

Eugen Frýdl, president

Otto T. Pergler, secretary.

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Reports of the representatives of various districts followed.....

This writer, as the representative of the Third District of Chicago, reported that there are 126 benevolent associations in his district, most of them Bohemian, and these are members of their own organization, the so-called Sdruzeni Ceskych Podporujicich Spolku (Association of Bohemian Benevolent Societies). The Sdruzeni has 94 members, and 32 associations in the District are unaffiliated with that body.....

He reported that all Bohemian benevolent associations are in good financial condition and doing profitable business. They issue a quarterly magazine, and will publish a pamphlet for the wider public explaining the purpose of benevolent associations and their national-economic importance. His report



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was very well received, and the other representatives remarked that the Bohemian benevolent organizations are certainly "up to scratch".....



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Bohemian delegates were in the membership of all important committees..... such as the resolutions committee, convention program committee, committee for the good of the League, committee for new business, and financial committee, so that we are satisfied that we have done our duty.

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(Signed) Josef L. Voborsky

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 18, 1915.

CONVENTION OF BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS

The thirty-sixth annual convention of the League of Benevolent Associations of Illinois was held in the university city of Champaign, Illinois, October 14 and 15.

Bohemian associations were strongly represented, the following being our delegates:

[Translators note: Twenty-nine names are omitted in translation.] These men represented both the various Bohemian benevolent associations and the Ceske Sdruzeni Vypomocnych Spolku (Association of Bohemian Benevolent Organizations).]

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 2, 1915.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE CESKO-AMERICKA JEDNOTA

The Cesko-Americka Jednota (Bohemian-American Unity), the youngest of our Bohemian fraternal organizations, celebrated appropriately the fifth anniversary of its foundation and the completion of the first five years of its activity yesterday. The Jednota has, in spite of its youth, a place of considerable prominence among our societies, and its energy and progressive ideas will, no doubt, advance it to a place of much greater importance within a short period of time.

Chicago Bohemians who follow carefully the development of our societies will remember very well the circumstances that led to the founding of the Jednota, and will also recall that those who took the first steps toward the foundation of the new organization had ample reasons for doing so, not the least among such reasons being national pride and self-respect. A public affront given to the Bohemian members of a non-Bohemian association by some prejudiced individuals elicited the best possible reply: the Bohemian members discontinued their membership in that organization and founded an independent organization

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of their own--a purely Bohemian organization. This new organization was started five years ago--a short while in the span of human life--but the Jednota has achieved great success in the way of growth in this period of time, and the celebration of its anniversary is, therefore, fully justified and proper.

The Grand Lodge of the Cesko-Americka Jednota, supported by all its local lodges, decided to celebrate the anniversary by an outing in Pilsen Park, to which the celebrants marched in an impressive parade through the streets of our Bohemian Pilsen.

The outing met with huge success, a natural outcome of the care with which all the necessary preparations for it had been made by the arrangements committee.....

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The spacious Park was filled to capacity....and the celebration was all that could be expected by the greatest optimists.....

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Denni Mlasatel, July 27, 1918.

THE BOHEMIAN-AMERICAN FORESTERS  
CELEBRATE AN ANNIVERSARY

The Jednota Cesko-americkych Lesníků a Lesnic (Bohemian-American Men and Women Foresters) belong without a doubt among the most important factors of our public and national life. The organization has been active here for sixteen years already, following diligently its program of helping humanity, and doing charitable deeds, and our countrymen will remember how the organization commemorated its first entry into the public life. This was in 1899, when the Bohemian chapters (camps) of the mother organization seceded, taking on voluntarily an obligation of \$8,000, which sum was properly paid out in death benefits to the heirs of members who, without this help, would have been in difficult situations. This was a fine demonstration of true brotherly love which will always be remembered by our public.

It is, therefore, quite natural that the organization has become exceedingly

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popular during the years of its activity, and that it has grown both in size and power. Now it is an organization standing on a very solid foundation, and if it will continue as it has up to the present time, which we do not doubt it will, it has the best possible chance of taking a place among the strongest of our fraternal organizations.

The Cesko-Americki Lesnici A Lesnice had their anniversary celebration at Pilsen Park this year.....

It was preceded by a parade which started at the Cesko-Anglicka Svobodna Skola (Bohemian-English Free Thought School) on 18th Street, and which was swelled on the way by contingents which joined it at the building of the Ladimir Kacel School and Vojta Naprstek School. Other organizations taking part in the parade were the Sokol Slavsky, Sokol Komensky, Cesko-Americky Sokol (Bohemian-American Sokol), and smaller groups of representatives of many other Free Thought organizations.....

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The principal ceremony of the celebration was the unveiling of the flag which took place in the Pavilion in the afternoon.....

The ceremony was followed by hours of visiting and fellowship which, however, was considerably affected by the shadow cast on the whole of Chicago, and perhaps on the whole nation, wherever there are human hearts accessible to compassion with sorrow and pain, by the terrible catastrophe of the Steamship "Eastland" in which so many perished.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 4, 1915.

A REQUEST FOR CO-OPERATION

The League of Benevolent Associations of North America will hold its annual convention in San Francisco in July of this year. The Cesko-Slovanska Liga Vypomocnych Spolku (Bohemian-Slavonic League of Benevolent Associations) is represented in the North American organization as a part of the benevolent associations in the state of Illinois. The Cesko-Slovanska Liga selected its president, Mr. Jan L. Novak, and Mr. J. L. Voborsky as delegates to the convention.....

The annual conventions of the National League [sic] are of no small importance. Many experts in various fields deliver speeches on matters which are discussed later in the various State Leagues and also in the American and foreign press. Because the coming convention will be held in San Francisco during the time of its World's Fair, it offers us a splendid opportunity of acquainting the American public with the way the Bohemian-Slavonic element invests its savings, and the number of homes built wherever

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Denni Masatel, Apr. 4, 1915.

Bohemian families settle. The Bohemian delegate to this convention is ready to take upon himself the compilation of complete statistical data about all Bohemian-Slavonic benevolent associations and to present it at the convention for inclusion into the report on its proceedings. The preparation of such a statistical work requires a great deal of time and effort and cannot be undertaken without the co-operation of the secretaries of all Bohemian-Slavonic benevolent associations. We are **therefore** making the request that all such secretaries and other officers who are in a position to do so, please send us the following information: (1) Name of association and address of its office; (2) Name of president and of secretary; (3) amount of loans, mortgages, and assets; (4) earnings as of current period; (5) number of active shares and shareholders; (6) amount of contingent funds. All this data should present the actual, present state of affairs of each association and should **therefore** be reported as of the most recent meeting. The information should be sent to Mr. Jan L. Novak, 1017 Loomis Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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We also request all Bohemian-Slavonic newspapers in America to publish this request together with the name and address of the man in each state who is able to give the necessary information to the delegate to the San Francisco convention.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 29, 1915.

### OUR BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS

The Liga Ceskych Vypomocnych Spolku (League of Bohemian Benevolent Associations) held one of its special meetings in the Pilsen Auditorium yesterday afternoon. The meeting, which was well attended, was presided over by Mr. J. Novak who welcomed the delegates and explained the reasons that prompted the officers of the Liga to call this meeting. The principal reason was to discuss the problem of publicizing our benevolent associations so that our Bohemian countrymen may become more fully aware of the fact that it is only by joining one or more of our benevolent associations are our countrymen able to buy and own homes, and to continue to better their economic positions.

Another reason for calling the meeting was to elect delegates to the convention of the National League of Benevolent Associations, which will be held this summer in San Francisco during the World's Fair. It did not take those present very long to elect President Novak as delegate, and as alternate, Mr. Voborsky, secretary of the Liga.

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So far as publicizing Liga is concerned, many opinions were offered. All of them centered on the necessity of informing the Bohemian public of the advantages to be derived from the benevolent associations, and of the need of joining them instead of putting their money in banks.

This matter was brought before the Liga because the National League had invited the Liga Ceskych Vypomocnych Spolku to co-operate in the publication of a periodical; some of the officers felt that such co-operation would be of practically no benefit to the Bohemian associations. All the proposals offered by the representatives advocated some sort of advertising, but only in the Bohemian language. The consensus of opinion favored advertising in Bohemian newspapers. Finally a committee of four members was appointed and charged with the duty to prepare a definite plan for a publicity campaign, including the cost of advertisements of various sizes, for the use of the Liga, as well as individual benevolent associations. The plan is to be submitted to the next meeting of the Liga, which will be held the first Sunday in May.

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The chairman then recalled that invitations to join the Liga had been sent sometime ago to benevolent associations which are not yet its members, and as a result, three such associations have joined. In speaking of this achievement, the chairman reviewed the fine work of the Liga, which is absolutely unselfish. All the officers of the Liga give their time and efforts without receiving any compensation. Their work is by no means trivial or simple.

The meeting heard a report on the work done by the Liga in legislative matters. The Liga's officers have presented a proposal to the state legislature in Springfield containing provisions to prevent the organization of many small benevolent associations upon the instigation of just a few individuals. The state secretary [sic] has confirmed the receipt of the proposal and assured the Liga that it will be passed on to the legislative committee for study and recommendations. In his letter, the secretary suggested that Congressman Hruby, who is a member of that committee, be contacted, and that the various provisions of the proposal be discussed with him.

According to the proposal, no benevolent association could receive a charter

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unless it indicated that a specified number of its shares had been subscribed for, the number varying according to the population of the community. Thus, for instance, an association seeking a charter in Chicago would need to have two thousand shares subscribed for. In smaller cities the necessary number would be correspondingly smaller, but the least would be five hundred shares. Mr. Ricker explained that this action is just another effort to induce the legislature to pass a similar proposal which had been submitted two years ago. That proposal, Mr. Ricker said, was not passed because of some personal difficulties [which arose] among the interested parties. Thereafter the meeting adopted Mr. Janovsky's motion that a resolution favoring the adoption of the legislative proposal be prepared by the officers of the Liga, and that a copy of said resolution be sent to all Cook County members of the Springfield legislature.

After the adoption of the financial report the meeting was adjourned.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 7, 1915.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
JEDNOTA CESKYCH DAM

The central committee of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies Unity) has published an interesting report covering the period from June 1 to December 31, 1914.

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The following excerpts will be of particular interest to our readers:

New members, 351; deaths, 63; resignations, 38; expulsions for failure to pay membership dues, 60. Total membership, 21,000. Death benefits paid out during period, \$46,600; sick benefits, \$9,647.

Donations for charitable purposes, \$2,570.34; for Bohemian schools, \$1,602.32; for national aims, \$1,851.05. The reserve fund amounts to \$35,297.93; assets total \$316,118.94.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 7, 1915.

Four new clubs of the Jednota are now in process of organization and undoubtedly will soon join the central body.....These clubs now have a combined membership of almost one hundred and fifty.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 3, 1914.

OUR CHARITABLE FORESTERS

The popular Jednota Cesko-Americkych Lesniku A Lesnic (Bohemian-American Men and Women Foresters), who have proved their largesse and their patriotic spirit many times, have not been idle in these fateful times, but have shown their munificence by a splendid donation for war relief in the old country. The grand court of the organization recommended and all courts approved the collection of a special tax which netted \$1,150.75.....

Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 22, 1914.

[TYPES OF BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES]

It is a very common experience to read in various newspapers about lawsuits which heirs are obliged to file against non-Bohemian benevolent societies when these societies, for various reasons, refuse to pay out the expected death benefits, and there are certain specific societies in which such suits are particularly frequent. What a hardship it is for the heirs to go to the courts of law in order to get money which is theirs by right is easy to imagine. Most frequently, such suits involve a wife and her children who have lost their provider and are in most difficult circumstances. A prompt payment of the death benefit would be a real blessing for them, but instead, they have to go to the law, wait a long time--sometimes for years--before the litigation comes to an end, and after all that, they have to spend most of the money they eventually get for court and lawyers' fees.

It would be unjust to blame the societies in every case, because it sometimes happens that it is a member's own fault when heirs have to sue for the benefits.

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American societies are conducted strictly along hard business lines, and when there is a chance of refusing the payment of a death benefit, all brotherly feelings and principles cease. In this they act very much like some insurance companies which always look around for a reason to refuse the payment, and very frequently succeed.

Our benevolent societies act according to principles which are different from these. Here the principles of brotherhood are always considered, and none of our societies would think of refusing the payment of a death benefit for a trifling reason. They know that the money goes to a widow who may have to raise several children, and only a very important reason could cause refusal to pay out whatever benefit may be due the family of a deceased member. They always consider the fact that the member had paid his dues for many years and paid them with the purpose in mind of preventing the worst kind of suffering and distress from reaching his loved ones, and that his widow and children are fully entitled to the money. Payment is refused only in cases where it would definitely be illegal.

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Just recently a lawsuit took place in which the heirs were refused the payment because the member, a woman, did not give her right name when applying for membership. We suppose that, according to the letter of the law, this was sufficient reason for refusal to pay the benefit, but at the same time, it is true that the member had been paying all her dues regularly, that there are children here for whose benefit the payments had been made, and that otherwise everything else was in perfect order. Probably many of our own societies have similar provisions in their bylaws, but we believe that their officers would think first before they would dare to consider this one reason as sufficient for a refusal to pay out the death benefit to the children for whom it had accumulated.

But, at the same time, such cases should be regarded as a warning against such irregularities as giving the wrong name when taking out membership in a benevolent society, no matter where and what kind. The same applies to other data, such as age, address, etc. Care and accuracy will always protect the heirs from such lawsuits, and this should be remembered not only by

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those who apply for membership in non-Bohemian societies, but also by those who turn to our own. A member who acts according to this advice and always follows the provisions of the bylaws of his benevolent society need not fear that his heirs will have to go to the courts for their inheritance.



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Denní Ilustrace, Sept. 20, 1914.

THE JEDNOTA SECTION D 1

The semiannual report of the Jednota Českých Dam (Society of Bohemian Ladies) offers some very interesting data which shows the growth and progress of this important benevolent organization: During the past six months the Jednota took in 652 new members; there were 102 deaths, 43 resignations, 68 expulsions. Total membership is 20,736. The total amount of aid-out death benefits was \$612,000 (sic); sick benefits, \$12,413.37; contributions to various charities, \$1,002.87; contributions to Bohemian schools, \$1,613.66; to patriotic organizations, \$1,001.95.

The reserve funds amount to \$35,197.14; total assets, \$341,040.50.

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Denní Hlasatel, Sept. 5, 1914.

THE CONVENTION OF THE ČESKO-SLOVANSKÁ  
BRATRSKÁ PODPORUJÍCÍ JEDNOTA

The thirteenth convention of the Česko-Slovanská Bratrská Podporující Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Fraternal Benevolent Society) came to a close yesterday. The last session was a very busy one and lasted until 6:30 P. M. Many important decisions were made which will no doubt be of considerable benefit to the members. This applies, in the first place, to a new table of rates.....and to the body's own organ, whose publication was agreed upon.....

Chicago was selected as the seat of the headquarters until the next convention, which will be held in Pittsburgh in five years.

....Also, at yesterday's session, donations were made to various national institutions. The Česko-Americká Matice Školská (Bohemian-American Scholastic Association) received fifty dollars; the Sbor Zástupců České Školy (Board of Bohemian School Representatives) in New York, the Sdružení Svobodomyšlných

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The salaries of the officers of the Grand Lodge were raised as follows: President, from \$15 to \$25; secretary, from \$600 to \$700; treasurer, from \$100 to \$180. The salary of the editor of the organ was set at \$180 a year.....

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BRATRSKÁ PODPORUJÍCÍ JEDNOTA.

The convention of the Česko-Slovanská Bratrská Podporující Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Fraternal Benevolent Society) held only a morning session yesterday.

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The delegates remembered various national organizations with donations and voted, among others, a gift of twenty-five dollars to the Česko-americká Tisková Kancelář (Bohemian-American Press Bureau), seventy-five dollars for the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), and fifty dollars to the Buckeye Road Bohemian Free Thought School in Cleveland, Ohio, which, until now, had functioned in the building of a public school, but through pressure exerted by certain parties, had been evicted.....

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The afternoon was devoted to a sightseeing tour of the city.....

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Denní Hlasatel, Sept. 3, 1914.

THE CONVENTION OF THE ČESKO-SLOVANSKÁ BRATRSKÁ  
PODPORUJÍCÍ JEDNOTA

The convention work of the Česko-Slovanská Bratrská Podporující Jednota (Bohemian Slavonic Fraternal Benevolent Society) started yesterday at nine o'clock in the morning.....

The convention approved an important change in the bylaws concerning death benefit dues. Up to the present, the amount paid monthly by a member depended on his age and the number of losses--deaths--during the respective month. According to the newly adopted system, the amount of the dues will depend on the member's age only, without regard to losses. For every age there will be a certain specified amount to be paid according to a definite table of rates.

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Complying with the appeal of the Česko-Americká Národní Rada (Bohemian-American National Council), the convention appropriated one thousand dollars for our

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countrymen in Bohemia, who are suffering by the present war.....

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The meeting adjourned at five o'clock in the afternoon. There will be a banquet for the delegates tonight at the hall of the Česko-Anglická Svobodomyslná Škola (Bohemian-English Free Thought School).

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THE SECOND DAY OF THE CONVENTION OF THE ČESKO-  
SLOVANSKÁ BRATRSKÁ PODPORUJÍCÍ JEDNOTA

Yesterday's session of the thirteenth annual convention of the Česko-Slovanská Bratrská Podporující Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Fraternal Benevolent Society) was opened in the hall of the Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) shortly after nine o'clock in the morning.....

Several important proposals were discussed, among them being the establishment of a central hospitalization fund.....The final vote on this proposal was deferred until the afternoon session, when it was defeated by forty-nine to thirty-two votes.....

Another important question was suggested by Mr. Vladimír A. Geringer and dealt with the publication of a periodical. It was pointed out that societies with as few as fifteen hundred members have their own periodicals, and that the Česko-Slovanská Bratrská Podporující Jednota, with its four thousand members,

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should be able to publish one to great advantage. After a number of reasons against the publication of an organ had been offered, including one to the effect that it would unduly burden the treasury, the proposal was adopted by seventy-three votes against eleven.....

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[The meeting was adjourned at 5 P. M., after a number of other proposals had been discussed without any action having been taken.]



Denní Hlasatel, Sept. 2, 1914.

THE CONVENTION OF THE ŘÁD KATOLICKÝCH LESNICE

The convention of the large Řád Katolických Lesnice (Order of Catholic  
[Women] Foresters), which was being held here, came to a close yesterday.  
Among the important decisions made by the convention was the adoption of  
the schedule of dues recommended by the National Fraternal Congress.....

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A CONVENTION OF THE ČESKO-SLOVANSKÁ BRATRSKÁ  
PODPORUJÍCÍ JEDNOTA

One of our prosperous benevolent societies, the Česko-Slovanská Bratrská Podporující Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Fraternal Benevolent Society), opened its convention in the hall of the Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) on 18th Street shortly after nine o'clock yesterday morning. All delegates, both men and women, were present.....

The convention elected the following officers: Mr. Ferdinand Turek of Cleveland, Ohio, chairman; Mr. Ant. J. Záhrobský of Chicago, Illinois, vice-chairman; Mr. Ant. Hrubý, also of Chicago, secretary; and Mr. B. O. Vašku of New York, assistant secretary.....

A very lively debate ensued from the suggestion that the convention committee

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should not wait, but should start now to consider the possibilities of and the means for a unification or merger of all benevolent societies.....

Finally, a special committee of five members was appointed and charged with the task of contacting other benevolent societies and investigating the possibilities of a merger. .

The convention will continue today.....

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Denni Glasstel, June 11, 1911.

A i-entent meeting of the United Societies of Chicago was held last night in the Bismarck Hotel.....

All of the present officers were re-elected, in spite of their reluctance to accept their offices again.....

The United Societies of Chicago are entering the new year of administration under the presidency of Mr. George Landau....with Mr. John F. Dennis, secretary; Mr. M. Rosestiel, treasurer; and Mr. Leo Goldstein, organizer.....

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Donni Hlasatel, June 4, 1914.

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AND SENATORS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
IN WASHINGTON

In the year 1911, the Government started for the revision of the so-called  
Mobile bill. The Government is backed by large financial interests and there  
are many of the kind who are in favor of it. Under the  
Mobile bill the Government, through the aid of the large financial  
interests, has been able to prevent the passage of the bill. It is well-known  
that the passage of that bill would be detrimental to their interests and  
might mean the discontinuation of their future existence.

For the purpose of this, the Government has organized all the "Anti-Communist  
Societies" (which no doubt are the same as the "Anti-Communist Societies")  
and called for the purpose of the "Anti-Communist Societies" which would

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Denni Hlasatel, June 4, 1944.

protect our venerable traditions and our common interests of  
advocate legislation in the future. The work must be centralized.

Its experiences and deliberations have shown that under any ill-considered conditions,  
nothing can be achieved. Hence the necessity of first determining conditions un-  
less we concentrate all our efforts and put forth all our efforts in one single  
direction. In order to bring this about, we must eliminate all local dis-  
sonance and friction. We must develop a united front. We must realize that we are one,  
the strength of our organization lies in our unity. It is clear  
that the salvation of our beloved country lies in pooling all our resources.

It is therefore our purpose to unite all our fraternal organizations into one  
into one organization.....and to make in the future the  
the advantages which such a unification would bring about.

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Let therefore each all members of our fraternal organizations unite to

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Denni Hlasatel, May 25, 1914.

#### A SUCCESSFUL JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Cesko-Slovenska Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Society) during the period of its existence has accomplished much good and, therefore, it is no wonder that our people manifest their recognition of that fact whenever the opportunity presents itself. The celebration of the twentieth anniversary of its existence by one of the most active lodges of the Cesko-Slovenska Jednota, Lodge Cech 25, offered our people a really suitable opportunity for such a manifestation.

This significant jubilee celebration was divided into two parts, of which the first was a really fine musical and literary entertainment which took place in the afternoon; in the evening a dance was held and a supper was served during the intermission. Both parts of the celebration were held in the large hall of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs on Lawndale Avenue near 26th Street.

The afternoon entertainment began at three o'clock with a fair attendance.



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However, the number of people participating would have been much larger had it not been for the excessively warm weather. In addition to an instrumental and vocal musical program there were recitations and humorous numbers, all of which were received with thunderous applause; some of the performers were forced to render encores. The gathering was welcomed by the lodge president, Mr. Matej Hanus, every word of whose speech came from the heart. Another speaker was the president of the Grand Lodge of the Cesko-Slovenska Jednota, Mr. L. Frydl, who called attention to the good and meritorious work of the Society. In the name of the Grand Lodge he expressed sincerest good wishes. This was heard with interest by all who were present, and was greeted with a storm of lasting applause. The last speaker on the program was Dr. Joseph P. Pecival, who addressed the gathering with a few sincerely meant words which concerned our social life. He called attention not only to the good but to the dark side of our social life; especially to the fact that we like very much to squander large sums of money on funerals but that we do little or nothing for people while they live. At the same time he pointed out ways and means on the basis

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of which, in his opinion, some sort of improvement could be made in that direction. In addition he laid no little emphasis on the fact that it is really necessary for us to preserve for our further social life a certain amount of national self-consciousness, and in that way to work for the continued expansion of our Bohemian societies and organizations. Our people belong among our people, and we as Bohemians should always and everywhere join only Bohemian societies and organizations, especially when we are offered as advantageous an opportunity as anyone will find when we apply for membership in a society as tried as the Cesko-Slovenska Jednota. His speech was excellent and was rewarded according to its merits by applause.

The orchestra under the direction of Frank Kaspar rendered several very successful selections whereby it ingratiated itself with the entire gathering. Others who took part in the program were: Mrs. Cervenka, Miss Kasalicky, Mr. and Mrs. Suva, Mr. and Mrs. Solar, Jr. They were all rewarded with praise for their efforts.....

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Of the twenty-five charter members, all but about four were present and they received souvenirs of the occasion.

In the evening there was a grand ball and supper. The entertainment was really friendly and animated, the participants carrying on until past midnight. It is fitting to add that Lodge Cech at present has 130 members and its present officers are: Matej Hanus, president; Albert Hora, vice-president; Joseph Pichacka, treasurer; Joseph Perina, financial secretary; and, Anna Prchova, secretary.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 23, 1914.

COMMEMORATION OF THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE CESKO-SLOVANSKE PODPORUJICI SPOJKY v AMERICE

Yesterday was a significant day in the annals of our oldest and most flourishing associations in the United States. Thousands of our brothers and sisters celebrated the sixtieth year of beneficent work of their Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies). In two of our largest auditoriums, true expressions of enthusiasm were exhibited for the mighty organization which has been doing valuable work in the field of philanthropy and national progress for sixty years. Bohemian Chicago, in which more of our members (over one third) reside than in any other city in America, commemorated in a dignified manner the founding of our organization, the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky.

It was one of the most outstanding events ever celebrated among us, and the supreme council and the grand lodge of Illinois who had arranged this celebration, deserve the commendation and thanks of all our members for their work

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in this dignified historical commemoration.

The celebration was divided in two parts. In the afternoon a large artistic musical program in the Sokol Chicago hall was presented, and in the evening a theatrical performance in the old building of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky on 18th Street was given.

The afternoon celebration in the hall of Sokol Chicago was a great manifestation of enthusiastic comradeship. This sentiment was also expressed in the colorful program of artistic entertainment, all the numbers of which were performed successfully and with exemplary precision. The attendance was large, because hundreds of our good brothers and sisters made it a point to add to the prestige of this most significant day by their presence. We must, however, admit that the attendance should have been still greater, that the hall should have been really filled. In addition to many local brothers and sisters, the celebration was attended by a delegation from Coal City, consisting of members of Lodge Hornik No. 128 of the Cesko-Slovansky Podporujici Spolek. The guests were cordially welcomed, not only by the organizers of the

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celebration and the officers of the grand lodge, but also by everyone present with whom they came in contact during the day.....

The afternoon program started with the beautiful overture to the opera "Vlasta," by Napravnik, which was skilfully rendered by the excellent orchestra conducted by Mr. Rudolph Rubringer, and was the first to be rewarded by thunderous applause. Mr. Jan Pecha, chairman of the grand lodge, appeared on the podium and heartily greeted everyone present. He spoke with deep feeling of the first difficult struggles of the lodges of the Cesko-Slovenske Podporujici Spolky and their final great success, documented by the fact that there are now more than 25,000 wide-awake members. He referred to the great accomplishments in charitable work which the organization in its sixty years of existence has achieved, in addition to the splendid results of its national endeavors. He urged the members to remain alert, and his sincere words were received with due appreciation by the large gathering. The rest of the program consisted of a number of vocal and instrumental selections presented by accomplished Bohemian artists, an address in English by Dr. Emerson Roberts, and a speech in Bohemian by Dr. Frank Iska.

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So many letters and telegrams of congratulations were received that President Pecha had to limit himself to the reading of the names of lodges which sent them. Mr. E. St. Vraz sent the following message from Prague:

"If we congratulate a man or a woman who is a worthy member of our nation on his or her sixtieth birthday, we do this with two distinctly different feelings. Realizing the merits of the honored one, we show our pleasure and recognition of all that he has accomplished for the common good, and we are glad that he is still among us. But this joy is dimmed by the fear that the merciless laws of nature will grant him little more time to stay with us.

"In these days all of progressive Bohemian-America is celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the birth of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky, and its joy is not marred by any bitterness. We fervently hope that this mighty tree will spread its branches still further and let new fruit ripen in the shade of its wide-spreading crown, and that it will protect many a new generation of Bohemian-Americans--children of wide-awake Freethinkers, proudly professing their adherence to the Bohemian-Slavonic nation.

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"This organization of Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky has no wrinkles in its face; it is not frail in body; it stands here strong, solid, and healthy, full of manly vigor and with promise of future activity!

"May the children of our children be fortunate enough to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of this, our most worthy national organization. May brotherly love continue to bind them together, inspire them to all that is good; may it teach them to feel both as Americans and Bohemians; may it continue to bind them for the pride of our nation, for our prestige, and for the welfare of the country far overseas which has become our new home from which the transplanted branch of our nation, facing an uncertain future, may receive encouragement in times of need.

"To this sincere expression of my gratitude and good wishes for continued success, I am prompted not only as a representative of the all-inclusive Narodni Rada Ceska v Praze (Bohemian National Council in Prague) and the Ustredni Matice Skolska v Praze (National Scholastic Association in Prague), but also by my personal devotion.

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"With a deep feeling of thankfulness, I am taking this beautiful occasion to recall all those never-to-be-forgotten days among the Bohemians during my travels in America, and my enjoyment of the sociable time spent in the hospitable quarters of our national organizations, in the friendly, truly fraternal circle of members of the lodges of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky.

"It was there that I watched with pleasure the well-informed, industrious people, the flower of American immigration; where, as in other Western lodges or among the Sokols, my heart warmed with pleasure over our Bohemian-Slavonic people. The hope strengthened within me that our Bohemian national feeling even here in America will never die! Many thanks to the Cesko-Slovansky Podporujici Spolek for all the good that it has disseminated, and success to your future activity!

"In sincere friendship, E. St. Vraz."

The evening program consisted of a theatrical performance of the comedy "Free

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Masons," at the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky hall on 18th Street. The play was directed by Mr. Joseph Jurka, and the audience was kept in a constant uproar of laughter all evening. The play was certainly a success, and the attendance was enormous.

Thus ended the commemoration of the anniversary of Cesko-Slovansky Podporujici Spolky. The success of the event is due to the work of the following members of the grand lodge of Illinois: Jan Pecha, J. A. Smejkal, B. V. Sedlacek, Frank Boucek, Rudolph Janda, Emanue Frydl, Joseph Kriz, Karel Trabec, Jakub Janda, and Karel Pergler.

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THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
CESKO-SLOVANSKYCH PODPORUJICICH SPOLKU

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(A Lecture by Secretary J. V. Lunak)

The committee which arranged today's celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) assigned to me the task of presenting to you the statistics of that organization since the time of its foundation.

Sixty years is a long time, and not many are granted a life of so long a duration. No other fraternal benevolent organization in America has been in existence so long.

Certain secret organizations such as the Free Masons claim to have been founded in the era of the building of the temple of Solomon in Jerusalem, and others in

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III E        the time of the building of the tower of Babylon. It is historically  
III D        accurate that Masonic lodges existed in Bohemia at the time of King  
III A        Vaclav IV, (Wenceslaus), hence before the Hussite wars. The houses  
I G        where they used to meet were marked with a red globe. But this just  
            in passing.

In presenting the statistics of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky I cannot omit the historical development of our beloved organization. For this reason I have had to scan many voluminous books containing the minutes of meetings and other records. And I believe that these records provide the most interesting reading matter ever written in the Bohemian language, notwithstanding the fact that organization records are usually considered very dry. But these books are most beautiful, even if they can not be considered a part of the United States literature, because they are books of "golden deeds", true gold books, as we used to call in my childhood days, the books of the prize-winners in our public schools. These books contain the records of good deeds done by the Cesko-Slovanske

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III E        Spokly during its sixty years of existence.

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III A        The year 1854 marks the beginning of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici

I G        Spokly. At that time a small number of our countrymen met to form  
an organization which besides providing benefits in case of sickness  
and death, would also be a means of spiritual contact between individuals who  
would consider themselves as members of a well ordered family and subscribe to  
the motto: "All for one, and one for all!"

The dues first agreed upon were the following: Initial dues were \$1.25, monthly  
dues \$.50. During the first year of illness the sick received \$2.00 each week,  
and during the second year, \$2.50. For a brother's funeral expenses \$20.00 was  
alloted, and for the widow, \$10.00. The wife of a brother, although not a mem-  
ber of the lodge, was likewise entitled to certain benefits. This shows that  
even then a family spirit prevailed in the organization and this spirit is still  
found in the organization today, despite the changes and reversals which have

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III E taken place throughout the years.

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III A In the year 1857 there was \$645.00 in the treasury, and at this

I G time a flag was procured, and on it was inscribed: "Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost, (the first name of the organization) founded March 4, 1854."

An important step was taken in the year 1862 when the first Velka Loze Cesko-Slovanskyh Podporujicich Spolku (Grand Lodge of the Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) was organized; this led to the organization of the present Velkorady (Grand Lodges) which united to form the Narodni Hlavni Rad (National Grand Lodge).

But soon after the founding of this Grand Lodge, there followed a critical time of great distress.

The civil war raged then in the United States, and the majority of the members

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III E joined the other brave fighters in the struggle for the emancipation  
III D of slaves and the preservation of our union.

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I G During the time when Lodge No. 1 was nearing its end, a new organiza-  
tion, Missouri Lodge No. 2, shaped along more modern principles, was  
formed. This society later received the name Rad (Lodge) Missouri, No. 2, and  
the Velkoloze (Grand Lodge) changed to Velkorad (Grand Lodge) Missouri.

In the year 1870 the Rad (Lodge) Svornost No. 3, was founded in Cleveland, Ohio;  
Rad (Lodge) Svatobor No. 4 in Collinsville, Illinois; and Rad (Lodge) Cechie  
No. 5, in Alleghany, Pennsylvania.

The first convention of associated lodges of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici  
Spolky was held in St. Louis, Missouri, May 15, 1871.

The second convention was held in 1872 at Cleveland. This congress decided to

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III E pay each member's widow \$250 upon her husband's death. Until this  
III D time a widow was paid \$5 a month until she remarried.

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I G The third convention was held in 1873 at Alleghany and created three  
degrees for the lodges.

The fourth convention was held the following year and raised the death benefit to \$300.

To the fifth convention held at St. Louis in 1876, ten lodges had sent their delegations.

The period from 1854 to 1876 is considered as years of gradual growth. In 1876 the organization came into a period of rapid expansion and in 1878 it comprised twenty-eight lodges which all were represented at the sixth convention held in Cleveland that year. Here the death benefit was increased to \$600, and the



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III E lodges had cash assets of \$25,482. In 1879 the organization had  
III D fifty-four lodges.

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I G The seventh convention was held in 1880 at Chicago. It raised the death benefits to \$750 and introduced the payment of a benefit to a member upon the death of his wife. This convention gave a new impetus to the life of the organization. While it had only 2,751 members in January, 1880, the membership had increased to 5,540 in December, 1883. Hence in the course of three years the organization had succeeded in doubling its membership. This circumstance proves conclusively that the organization enjoyed unusual confidence among our countrymen in all parts of the United States. You could almost see new lodges springing up. Their charitable principles, their purely national character, evident on all occasions, and the firm foundation on which this monument of mutual helpfulness and co-operation was built, appealed immensely to the membership and showed most beneficial results.

Thus, Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky, in addition to its function as a

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III E benevolent organization, assumed a patriotic character, and became  
III D a center of Bohemian national consciousness for all spheres of  
III A Bohemian endeavor in America.

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The eighth convention was held in 1883 in Milwaukee, and assembled delegates of ninety lodges.

The ninth convention was held in 1885 in New York. At this convention the death benefit was raised to \$1,000 from which \$250 was subtracted in cases where this amount had been loaned to the member upon the death of his wife.

In 1891 the number of lodges increased to 174, with 9,305 members.

During the five preceding years, \$433,728.75 was paid out in death benefits to the widows of brothers, and \$66,995.15 upon the death of sisters, altogether \$500,418.80. What a huge sum! More than half a million dollars paid during

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five short years in death benefits, and in addition to this,

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\$118,049.36 was paid in sick benefits, \$2,827 to widows and orphans,

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\$7,772 in special extra-statutory benefits to members, \$2,926 for

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other than organization purposes, \$1,709 in donations to various purposes in the old country, and \$4,995 in donations to schools. All

this makes a grand total of \$638,648, a figure which speaks for itself. It says all there is to say about the growth and work of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky.

If the Jednota showed a fine progress in 1865, still more gratifying figures were reported to the tenth congress held in 1891 at Cedar Rapids. Here 175 lodges were represented, many of which had made an unusual success.

An enactment was passed at this convention to publish a fraternity newspaper to be called Organ Bratrstva (Fraternity Organ).

At the close of the year 1893 the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky had 14

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III E        Grand Lodges, and 200 Lodges with a membership of 11,205. The com-  
III D        bined assets wealth of the lodges amounted to \$259,562. In the last  
III A        three years of this period the sum of \$552,975.61 was disbursed.  
I G        This is a little less than was paid out in the preceding five years.

The next two years before the eleventh convention at St. Paul may be considered as a time of preparation for decisive combat, which may be called the battle of the East against the West, or the fight against the selfish profiteering of the individual. A split followed, which could have been avoided had both sides shown a little sense of compromise, but this now does not matter.

Before the split the organization had 10,915 members; after the split in 1898, there were only 9,846. Four years after the introduction of improvements--payments of dues in accordance with age and the introduction of two kinds of death benefits, one of \$1,000, and the other of \$500.

In 1904 the organization was composed of 14,065 brothers and 6,793 wives, a

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total of 23,932 (sic) members. At present, the Cesko-Slovanske

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Podporujici Spolky has a membership of 25,541 brothers and sisters!

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These improvements were introduced at the twelfth convention held in Detroit. At this convention the enactment to start a reserve fund

was also passed.

The thirteenth convention held in St. Louis in 1904 increased the death benefit to \$250, \$500, and \$1,000, and introduced five classes with different dues.

The fourteenth and last convention held in Milwaukee in 1909 passed an enactment allowing wives and single ladies to become official members of the organization.

From this historic outline of the development of death benefits closely attached to the history of the whole organization and particularly its statistic, every one in this audience would find that this development has come about gradually,

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 23, 1914.

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III E that changes were duly considered and carefully executed.

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III A The fact that they were given serious thought has strengthened the  
I G confidence in the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky.

I remarked that after the split in 1898 there remained only 9,846 members in the organization; but after the introduction of those important improvements--classification of death benefits and payment of dues according to age.

The organization was accepting into its ranks, young men whose average age was only twenty-seven years. This is proof that after the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici has regained its youth. That it is retaining its youth, is apparent from the decreasing number of paid death benefits.

In the year of 1911, 254 death benefits were paid; in 1912, 226; and in the year 1913, the number of paid death benefits amounted to 220.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 23, 1914.

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As we see the number of deaths is decreasing! This is very gratifying. And he who would contradict this would probably say: "But the ends!"--as if the members were all very old--he either maliciously or unconsciously cheats.

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On February 12, 1905, the entire amount of the reserve fund, according to the official report of brother Jaroslav Krulis, a member of the board of supervisors, was \$73,041.43; it now amounts to about \$286,000.

This figure seems to be enormous, but it would merely cover approximately 286 deaths and the organization's obligations to settle future accounts with the beneficiaries of the deceased to the amount of \$17,655,250.

We have a great number of brothers working in the mines. In a possible mine catastrophe a number of our members could be killed; or an epidemic might result in the deaths of numbers of our members, which would obligate the organization

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 23, 1914.

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III E for a large number of death benefits, and soon the reserve fund  
III D would be depleted. Therefore I maintain that our reserve fund, com-  
III A pared with our obligation to pay the survivors almost 18 million  
I G dollars, is insufficient.

The state insurance laws compel us to continually increase that fund, and thereby to strengthen the organization and insure the claims of those who are left behind.

From official lists, and from the yearly reports to the state insurance commissioners, I have calculated that the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky has paid death benefits amounting to from \$250 to \$1,000, and in its earliest years in smaller amounts, the enormous sum of \$5,637,442, in round figures nearly six million dollars! These figures are taken from the so-called "Gold Book".

And do we realize what this enormous sum means? Have you ever seen the picture

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 23, 1914.

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III E of a woman with a prematurely old face and nervously clasped hands,  
III D sobbing and lamenting at the deathbed of her beloved husband? It  
III A is the picture of the desolate mother of a number of small children--  
I G a widow who does not know how she will be able to arrange for the  
burial of her deceased because she does not know where to apply to  
turn away hunger and cold, those two horrible she-wolves, from the hearth of her  
unprotected, sorrowful abode? The deathly agony, the gnawing anxiety, the  
despair which threatens to crush her soul--all this is banished as with a magic  
wand by the death benefits of our organization. "An old fable!" many will  
think, but this fable speaks to you with the not-to-be-denied language of truth.

About one and one-quarter million dollars was paid to our members in sick  
benefits. How much was accomplished by financial support during sickness, we  
can hardly estimate!

It was our duty to meet these obligations, and to pay as we had promised in our

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 23, 1914.

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III E            bylaws, for our members had contributed to those purposes.

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III A            But our organization also paid out money in other ways. A large  
I G              number of lodges gave their members extra-statutory benefits!

Our lodges paid still another tax, partly as an example to other kindred organizations: joyously and liberally they supported our most humble, but nevertheless precious Bohemian schools.

Love for parents, and sincere, loyal regard for national origin do not harm anyone. On the contrary, such leanings tend to honor everyone regardless of nationality.

A child of Bohemian parentage born on American soil can prosper splendidly in the traditional spirit of America, even though he may be imbued with a greater love of his Bohemian origin than the child who from his infancy is taught to

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 23, 1914.

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III E deny or conceal his origin. He who denies his origin, will disown  
III D his parents, and he who disowns his parents can never be a real man.  
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I G In 1888 one death certificate was paid to the benefit of Ustredni  
Matice Skolska (Bohemian Scholastic Association) in Bohemia.

The last convention in Milwaukee ordered that youth clubs be formed. We have seven of them in different cities, and to cover the expenses of these clubs the convention allocated \$1,000.

These are but a few links of the golden chain fashioned by the organization's sixty years of activity.

It has fashioned them of genuine sympathy through love of mankind, sincere national feeling, and honest free thinking, for its own adornment, and the adornment of the Bohemian nation. Truly no imperator, no prince of the church, and no mayor ever has carried or ever will carry on a more precious chain than that.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 11, 1914.

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

The headquarters of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) issued a call which is especially interesting because it concerns to some extent the fusion of our fraternal organizations. At the last convention held in Milwaukee, it was resolved that one member would be elected from every state; these in turn would form a committee to get in touch with unrepresented members of societies or organizations, in order to make them join the Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies. Therefore, it was to be a fusion such as was discussed in the Sokols' Union; but according to the sense of the agreement, it is merely a proposal whereby weaker organizations might find it profitable to join a powerful body.

Apparently the office has received no report in reference to this act so far, and therefore it appeals to the committee to submit a report on which societies and associations would like to join, a statement of the number of members, their ages, the amount of insurance, etc., so that, if this proposal

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could be realized, the convention would be able to act upon the matter without further investigation.

It is not yet publicly known whether the convention will take any action in this matter or whether some of the associations or individual organizations have signified their willingness to join. But the mere fact that the matter is under advisement is not without interest for our benevolent organizations.

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 29, 1913.

A JOINT MEETING OF BOHEMIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES

A joint meeting of Bohemian benevolent societies was held in the Pilsen Auditorium yesterday at 2:00 P. M.

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Mr. Macal, who acted as a representative of Bohemian benevolent societies at the State League of Benevolent Societies' meeting in Springfield last October, reported that the meeting was very interesting and useful, and that it was very interesting and useful, and that it was very thoroughly discussed in our newspapers. Proposals submitted to the meeting by the League of Bohemian Benevolent Societies were gratefully received, and gained the general approval of all delegates. He remarked that the officers of other than Bohemian benevolent societies could learn a great deal from us, particularly because the Bohemian societies know how to produce larger profits than are customary with societies run by nationals of other countries.

The Bohemian proposals were passed on to various committees of the State

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League for study and the drafting of recommendations for their adoption.  
This applies particularly to the proposal concerning the joint ownership of  
shares by husband and wife.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 17, 1913.

CONVENTION OF THE SDRUZENI CESKO-AMERICKYCH DAM

The convention of the Sdruzeni Cesko-Americkych Dam (Association of Bohemian-American Ladies) was opened yesterday in the Cesko-Americka Svobodomyslna Skola (Bohemian-American Free Thought School), West 18th and South May Streets, at 10 A. M. It was attended by twenty-eight delegates representing thirty-eight lodges, of which thirty are in Chicago....A convention is held every two years; it may be called a plenary meeting at which a report on the organization's activities is prepared and sent to Springfield.

At the present time the Sdruzeni Cesko-Americkych Dam has 2,551 members. Its purpose is to provide death benefits to Bohemian girls and women between the ages of eighteen and fifty.....

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The convention agreed to....continue the uniform death benefit of \$500,....



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and to accept into membership women who cannot read and write Bohemian, as long as they are of Bohemian parentage.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 1, 1913.

THE BOHEMIAN COMMUNITY JOURNAL  
IMPORTANT MILESTONE

If anything in Bohemian-America should fill one's heart with a keen feeling of joy, and strong hopes for the successful future of the American branch of the Bohemian nation, it is primarily the surprising growth of benevolent societies, both brotherhoods and sisterhoods.

While it is an undeniable fact that holding a membership in one of the benevolent societies is a duty to all those who want to provide for themselves and their families in cases of sickness, death, and other untoward events, it must be admitted that our benevolent societies have, in addition to their purely practical, material value, a far-reaching cultural and spiritual value--a value which cannot be appreciated highly enough. They give a willing and generous response to all that may prove of general benefit to the Bohemian element as a whole. The analysis of this phase of their activities will have to be left to some future historian of Bohemian America--if such a person is ever found....

Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 1, 1913.

The credit for a lion's share of this work is due to our ladies. Their organizations grow in size and power from day to day, and must be considered the most important elements of our public life at this time. Only a few months ago, the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Unity) celebrated in a most adequate manner the securing of its twenty-thousandth member, and a similarly significant event, the attainment of a membership of ten thousand, was celebrated by the Besterska Podporujici Jednota (Mutual Benevolent Sisterhood) last night....

....The Grand Lodge of the Besterska Podporujici Jednota, in co-operation with all its Chicago chapters celebrated this event by a special festive meeting which included a musical program arranged for this occasion and lasted during all of yesterday afternoon and most of the night. The hall of Sokol Chicago, where the celebration was held, was filled to capacity....

The program began at 2:00 P. M. with an address by Mrs. Katerina Morak who, in her capacity as president (sic) of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois

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welcomed those in attendance....

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After Mrs. Morak's talk and the following duet.... Mrs. Anna Stolfá, chairman  
of the central committee of the Česterská Rodnorugici Jednota, delivered one  
of her most remarkable speeches....

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The success of yesterday's celebration was complete, and we do not doubt that  
its perfect arrangement has secured for the Česterská Rodnorugici Jednota many  
new friends, many new sympathizers in its work. Since it now has ten thousand  
members, over eight thousand of whom are in Chicago, the organization may soon  
be expected to pass another milestone.

Denní Hlasatel, Nov. 9, 1913.

JEDNOTA ČESKÝCH DAM

The semiannual report of the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Unity) contains a number of interesting facts which indicate the Jednota's popularity. There were 678 new members taken in during the past six months, 95 members died, 40 resigned, and 53 were expelled.

Death benefits paid out during that period amounted to \$57,000; sick benefits, \$10,613.64; charity donations, \$1,711.20; donations to Bohemian schools, \$1,421.75; and for various national purposes, \$825.45. The Jednota has assets amounting to \$325,984.37; its reserve fund is \$29,079.92.

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Denní Hlasatel, Nov. 9, 1913.

ČESKÁ KATOLICKÁ ÚSTŘEDNÍ JEDNOTA ŽEN AMERICKÝCH

- The semiannual report of the Česká Katolická Ústřední Jednota Žen Amerických (Bohemian Catholic Central Unity of American Women) shows a membership of 9,608 and a reserve fund amounting to \$54,702.74. Two new orders were admitted to membership in the Jednota, and both of them are Chicago organizations.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 28, 1913.

ASSOCIATIONS' RATE OF GROWTH DECREASES

A week ago we carried an excerpt of a letter from an officer of a non-Bohemian association in which he complained about a large decrease in membership due to voluntary resignations and losses because of noncompliance with statutory provisions, nonpayment of dues, etc. Such conditions seem to prevail in all non-Bohemian organizations, some of which are losing an abnormally large percentage, which may be explained by their methods in acquiring new members. In many cases membership drives are staged and members are forced into the association almost against their own will. It is only natural that such members soon lose interest in the organization and either resign or stop paying their dues and are expelled. This is not surprising when we consider the kind of high-powered propaganda and pressure by which some associations go after new members.

Since such methods are never employed by our fraternal organizations, their losses--which are also far above normal--are that much more significant. This question is discussed in the recent issue of the organ of the Zapadni Ceska

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Bratrská Jednota (Western Bohemian Fraternal Unity). The article points out that the Zapadni Ceska Bratrská Jednota had an increase of 1,057 new members last year, 121 members died, and 469 resigned or lost their membership for nonpayment of dues. During the last three months, the Jednota took in 159 new members and lost 141, including 30 losses by death. In other Bohemian fraternal organizations, the article says, conditions are very similar. So, during the past year, the Cesko-Slovanská Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Unity) had 702 new members, 36 resignations or expulsions, and 66 deaths. In the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies), conditions are probably very much the same if we consider that according to their report, 52 members were expelled or resigned and 21 died during the past month, against an increase of 162 new members. The Taborites had 36 new members and lost 25 in a month, and other societies have had similar experiences.

Of course, this does not say that it is a new phenomenon. We should rather believe that this condition has prevailed for years and by many it is considered something quite normal, something that cannot be changed or avoided.

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In non-Bohemian organizations, these conditions are much worse. Many show losses amounting to more than fifty per cent of gains. The Modern Woodsmen can be used as a fair example. This society lost 246,783 [members] and took in only 33,144 last year. This, of course, was due to severe crises caused by a sharp increase in dues. But even under conditions considered normal, there is a large decrease in the membership of fraternal bodies, and it should be decidedly worth the effort to study and find possible means by which this situation could be remedied.

One frequently hears that organizers and old members take in or propose anybody, without regard for any expectation as to his or her ability or inclination to keep the membership--just for the sake of bonuses or other advantages. Where this is being done, large losses are natural. But this is not the case in our groups, and the reason for abnormally large losses must be sought elsewhere. Naturally, losses by resignations and expulsion cannot be avoided entirely. But if they could be cut in half, it should be very much worth a serious effort in analyzing the situation and finding means of averting any preventable loss.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sent. 7, 1913.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CZECHOSLAV SISTERHOOD JEDNOTA

The executive committee of the Cesterska Rodnorujici Jednota (Sisters' Benevolent Unity) has just issued the organization's report for the year ending June 30, 1913. During this period, 1,022 new members were taken in, swelling the total membership to the very considerable number of 9,711 sisters organized in sixty-nine lodges.

The Jednota paid out \$30,400 in death benefits, \$6,271.46 in sick benefits, \$1,237.29 for charitable purposes, and 1,600 went to schools during the year.....

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Denní Hlasatel, July 13, 1913.

A NEW LODGE OF THE JEDNOTA ČESKÝCH DAM

A new lodge of the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Unity) is being organized in our Norton Park. Forty ladies have already applied for membership in this widespread charitable organization. There is no doubt that the recent celebration of the twenty-thousandth member will prove to be a powerful stimulus to the activities of the Jednota and consequently will result in a still more rapid growth of membership.

Denni Hlasatel, July 11, 1913.

JEDNOTA CESKYCH DAM CELEBRATES MEMBERSHIP OF TWENTY THOUSAND

No matter how distant the time may be when a thorough history of Bohemians in America will be written, anybody who ever attempts this difficult task and tries to accomplish it ably and impartially will have to devote a large chapter to the development of our social organizations. That the Bohemian element in the United States is growing rapidly is a fact which we see constantly in our daily life. It is definitely proved by the activities of the huge organization of fraternal benevolent societies, but particularly convincing documents are the membership reports of our various lodges and unities.

First of all, a most gratifying phenomenon is the almost miraculous growth of the largest organization of our women, the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Unity). Its many years of existence and its most successful national and humanitarian work has earned a place for this organization among the very first of our social bodies. Yesterday it celebrated the passing of an important milestone--the acquisition of its twenty-thousandth member.

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It is only natural that our ladies decided to commemorate this occasion in an appropriate manner, and even those of us who had been most optimistic in our expectations were by no means disappointed by the banquet which the ladies gave in the hall of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs last night. It was a brilliant event, a celebration unusually elaborate for our circumstances. The Sokol hall on Lawndale Avenue was filled to capacity by rows of long tables, around which hundreds of members of the Jednota and their friends assembled and enjoyed the evening in an atmosphere of informal fellowship.....

The evening was spent reminiscing and exchanging fond memories of the modest beginnings of the organization, through the years of its useful life up to the day of its present triumph.....

The program of the evening, consisting of a long series of speeches and toasts, started shortly after nine o'clock. It was opened by the chairman of the banquet committee, Mrs. Marie Liska, who....introduced the first speaker of the evening, the president of the grand lodge of Illinois of the Jednota Ceskych dam, Mrs. Anna Stolfa.....

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Also the following speech of Mrs. Karolina Rychlik was filled with sentiments of appreciation, good will, and good wishes for the future of the Jednota. Mrs. Rychlik is one of the oldest members of the Jednota, and perhaps the only one living of the original founders. This year she holds the office of president of the grand lodge of Ohio....and in appreciation of her great merits for the Jednota, she was presented with a beautiful ring by Mrs. Stolfa.....

The intervals between speeches were filled by the music of Mr. Rudolf Rubringer's orchestra playing national tunes.....The banquet was attended by delegates of various fraternal organizations from New York, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri.....

Among the letters of congratulation was one from the Sdruzeni Svobodomyslnych Skol (Federation of Bohemian Free Thought Schools) and Mr. E. St. Vraz.....



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III 1 Fourth, Petrov was a Vlasi (Friend of the American Soldier); Fifth, Petrov Vlasi; Sixth, Petrov Vlasi; Seventh, Petrov Vlasi (Young American); Eighth, Petrov Vlasi.

All lodges show very patriotic feeling, and the whole population has enjoyed a steady growth. The dues are \$1.00 per month. In the event of the death of one of the group, all members pay only five cents. The lodge sends a delegation in its own car to the funeral and presents a floral arrangement in the form of the American flag made of red and white carnations. The American flag is the symbol of the lodge. The lodge is a member of the American Legion (American Legion Council), and the lodge is a member of the American Legion (American Legion Council).....

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 6, 1913.

NEWS FROM CESKO-SLOVANSKA JEDNOTA

The Cesko-Slovanska Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Union) has published a report for the year 1912 which, in addition to interesting statistical data, shows what an important role such fraternal organizations play in our public life. At the end of the year, the Jednota had 5,554 members, of whom only 700 live outside of Chicago. The average age of the members is 35 years, and two-thirds of them are under this average. The total insurance carried is \$4,099,250; death benefits, paid out to 66 members, amounted to \$53,250.....

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Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 6, 1913.

[REPORT FROM JEDNOTA ČESKÝCH DAM]

The Central Committee of the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Union of Women) has published its official report for the second half of the year 1912. This report presents an excellent picture of the fine development of this prominent organization. According to the report, the Jednota now has 139 lodges with 19,620 members. During the reported period 513 new members were taken in.....

From July 31, 1912, to January 1, 1913, the sum of \$45,000 was paid out for death benefits and \$9,242.80 for sick benefits. Various charitable organizations received \$1,731.27, and \$1,682.86 went to the support of Bohemian schools, while \$944.00 was expended for national purposes. The assets of all the lodges total \$319,736.86--a huge sum indeed.....



Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 16, 1913.

NEWS OF BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS

The organ of the Jednota Cesko-Americkych Lesniku A Lesnic (Bohemian-American Order of Foresters--[in the Bohemian language "men and women foresters"] known as Lesnik (Forester) is entering its seventh year this month.....According to the official statistics, the order now has 2,589 members.

It would seem that the most successful methods in securing new members are being developed by the Cesko-Slovanska Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Union)..... According to the March issue of their organ, 176 membership certificates were issued in January, and a large number of new applications were on hand. The present total membership is more than 5,600 and shows a steady, most gratifying growth....

The secretariat of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Bohemian-American Benevolent Societies) reports for February a total membership of 24,984. In January 87 new members were taken in.



Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 2, 1913.

NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL OF THE CESKO-SLOVANSKA JEDNOTA



Successful indeed was the New Year's celebration held by the Cesko-Slovanska Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Unity) in the Pilsen Sokol Hall, at Ashland Avenue and 18th Street. It is an annual event, since almost without exception the Jednota every year prepares a refined New Year's Eve entertainment for its members and friends. Yesterday's event was really very successful.....

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The Cesko-Slovanska Jednota was founded in May, 1892 when, because of intolerable conditions in the Knights and Ladies of Honor Society, it became necessary for several of its Bohemian lodges to secede and found the independent Jednota Cesko-Slovanskych Rytiru A Dam /Unity of Bohemian-Slavonic Knights and Ladies/ --the present Cesko-Slovanska Jednota. In a few years, the Jednota was enlarged by taking in a number of lodges and



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organizations which did not employ the Bohemian language, so that our Jednota is now rightly called a refuge of all those of European origin who have been disappointed in foreign-speaking organizations. In November, the Jednota had sixty-four lodges with 5,513 members. During its existence, it has paid out \$592,371 in life insurance. The reserve fund amounted to \$36,200.04, and total assets of the Jednota to \$39,428.48.

Insurance with the Jednota is valuable and safe, no court action is necessary when a policy falls due, as is frequently the case with societies of other nationalities. It is therefore desirable that the Jednota grow and the principle be put into operation that each Bohemian belong to the Bohemian Jednota. It was through the Jednota's efforts that the S. C. P. S. [Sdruzeni Cesko-Slovanskych Podpurnich Spolku, Association of Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies] came into being, in which benevolent body there are six individual benevolent organizations represented.....

The Jednota's slogan is "May our national aims flourish." Therefore, no

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one should hesitate to become a member. Every healthy man or woman of good reputation will be accepted. The value of the insurance policies is \$1000, \$500, or \$250.....

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 10, 1912.

### THE GALA DANCE OF SBOR KAROLINA SVĚTLÁ

The Sbor (Lodge) Karolina Světlá No. 36 of the Česká Sesterská Podporující Jednota (Bohemian Benevolent Sisterhood) held its first gala dance last Saturday. Its members and friends assembled in the cosy hall of Mr. Hácha at 26th Street and Springfield Avenue.....

The ball may be called one of the most successful events we have seen in a long time. The midnight pause brought a real surprise: St. Nicholas, with his Devil and his Angel, appeared on the scene and distributed gifts to the guests. Everybody got something--according to the custom of the old country --and everyone was pleased, even though the Saint's visit came four days after the usual celebration.....

Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 9, 1912.

THE ČESKÁ BESEDA MOVES TO OWN HOME

The Česká Beseda (Bohemian Club) achieved its long hoped for aim yesterday-- it moved into its own new home. As we reported sometime ago, the Beseda bought Senator William Lorimer's residence at 3659 Douglas Boulevard and started to adapt it to its own purposes immediately after the deal was closed. Many changes were necessary in order to make the spacious building suitable for all the requirements of modern club life, but everything was done in record time, and members who came Saturday to the Club's new home were agreeably surprised at its practical renovations. The changes and furnishings must have cost a great deal of money, but now the Česká Beseda's home equals the best clubs in town.....



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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 21, 1912.

### A MEMORABLE CELEBRATION

The Rad Jungman, Cyslo 20, Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Lodge Jungman, No. 20, Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies), celebrated a memorable occasion Saturday--its thirty-fifth anniversary.....

The hall of the Cesko-Slovenske Podporujici Spolky was filled with a good share of the 606 present members of the Lodge and their friends.....

The main speech of the evening was delivered by Dr. Frantisek Iska..... His address was followed by a Lohrbeer comedy, "Joseska Tragedie" (A Josephine Tragedy), played by a group of amateurs....all of whom are members of the Lodge.....

At midnight an excellent supper was served, and all of the guests remained in good fellowship until the early hours of the morning.....

Denni Hlasatel, June 29, 1912.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING OF THE SVAZ CESKO-SLOVANSKYCH JEDNOT A SPOLKU

The meeting of the delegates of the Svaz Cesko-Slovanskych Jednot a Spolku v Spojenych Statech Severni Ameriky a v Kanade (Alliance of Bohemian-Slavonic Societies and Lodges in the United States and in Canada) was brought to order at 8 P. M. yesterday by the chairman, Mr. Fiedler. Present in the meeting were delegates from the following societies: Rady Cesko-Slovansky Podporujici Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies); Lesnici (Foresters); Taborite (Taborites); Cesko-Slovanska Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Society); Clevelandka Jednota (Cleveland Society); Cesko-Americka Jednota (Bohemian-American Society); Velkorad Cesko-Slovanskych Podporujicich Spolku (Grand Lodge of the Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies); and the Narodni Hlavni Rad Cesko-Slovanskych Podporujicich Spolku (National Grand Lodge of the Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies). The meeting began with the reading of the minutes, which were approved as read. Then followed the reading of communications: One came from the Federated Fraternities and one from the grand lodge of the Taborite Society. Both communications were accepted and filed. The reading of reports followed.

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In reference to Article VI, wherein it is stated that it shall be the duty of the Alliance and of every member to help and support in every legal manner, either by court or proper political influence, either at the ballot box or in other ways, any member of this Alliance whose just rights and advantages may be endangered, it was requested by individual members that the said article be adopted with the exception that the part which calls for support at the ballot box be omitted. The article was corrected in that sense.

In Article IV are specified the per capita dues which the member organizations of the Alliance are required to pay. Also they are required to pay on a percentage basis toward the defrayal of the Alliance's expenses if the annual dues are not sufficient. This article was adopted after a debate during which opinions were exchanged as to what was really meant. Also under discussion was a motion that each society should keep a register of those who do not want to pay their dues, in order to prevent these persons from going from one society to another. It was decided to amend Article VI by the supplement: "Societies represented in the Alliance are requested to exchange journals so that each will have a list of expelled members."

Denni Hlasatel, June 29, 1912.

The next subject under discussion was the number of copies of the amendment which should be printed. It was decided to have two thousand copies printed in order that each society might be supplied with enough to meet the needs of its membership. Chairman Fiedler brought the meeting to a close.

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Denní Hlasatel, May 27, 1912.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE ČESKO-SLOVANSKÁ JEDNOTA  
CELEBRATES ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The twentieth anniversary of the Česko-Slovanská Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Society), one of our best societies, was celebrated in a truly dignified manner by its members. The program for the festive occasion was rich in talent. It began with the playing of an overture by Mr. Anton Konecsek's orchestra, following which Mr. Eugene Frýdl, president of the National Grand Lodge, delivered the principal address of the evening. In a brief but pithy speech, the speaker referred to the origin of the society, to the work thus far accomplished, and to the many tireless workers to whom belongs chiefly the credit for the growth and success of the society. He gave thanks for the indefatigable work of these workers, and expressed the wish that others also, especially the younger members of the society, would work for its success.

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The Česko-Slovanská Jednota is one of those Bohemian fraternal benevolent societies which owes its present independent existence to a non-Bohemian society. It was the first to originate the idea of transferring Bohemian members from non-Bohemian societies to itself, and it still does that. It is the society which indicated to other Bohemian lodges, which were dissatisfied in English societies, how they should act to become independent Bohemian lodges. In the time of crisis in the "Independent Order of Foresters", the same methods were used, and for that reason we have an entirely Bohemian society, the Jednota Česko-amerických Lesníků a Lesnic (Bohemian-American Foresters). Then, when the medical examiner of the North American Union expressed himself in an unfavorable manner about Bohemians claiming that they lived under unhealthy conditions, the Bohemian lodges of that English organization resolved that they could be independent, and joined the recently organized Česko-americká Jednota (Bohemian-American Union).

During the Eighties, the English speaking society "Knights and Ladies of



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with him from the "Union of Polish Men" and from the Polish Society which carried the name "Independent Knights and Ladies of Honor". It was suggested that revisions in order to collaborate in carrying out all such matters in view of the division of the old society, and that the new organization would progress successfully. However this confidence was shattered when a report in March, 1917, from a woman, was that the insurance instead of \$1,000, and this after long discussions.

At that time such advice would have been useless. To return to the old society was an impossibility, and the confidence which the members of the Polish Ladies had in the new society was destroyed. Therefore, the delegates of the Polish Ladies were called together, conferences were held, ways and means were sought by which it would be possible to emerge from the unpleasant situation. Finally it was decided that the Polish

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lodges should create an independent society. The plan received prompt support, and on May 2, 1892, the Secretary of State of Illinois issued a permit for the organization of a society bearing the name of Jednota Česko-Slovanských Rytířů a Dam (Bohemian-Slavonic Knights and Ladies). The Bohemian society adopted this name as its own.

The enthusiasm with which the new society began its activities contributed to the fact that the progress of the society was satisfactory; everything went forward, and the expectations of the founders were the most. However, these satisfactory conditions did not last long. In the course of a year, several deaths were reported which raised doubt, and this doubt was increased during the economic crisis of 1895-1896. That period is entered in the history of the Česko-Slovanská Jednota as the most critical. The successes gained by Bohemian tenacity, superhuman effort and unexampled sacrifice on the part of officials were great, and deserve general

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With the improvement of economic conditions came improvement within the society; confidence returned and membership increased. During the years 1899 and 1900 several lodges from the former society were admitted to membership, and in the course of recent years this has been repeated many times; the society has become a refuge for Bohemian lodges whose existence was made difficult and finally impossible within English-speaking societies.

This same condition applied not only to lodges in Chicago but to lodges outside of Chicago as well. At the society's convention held in Chicago in 1916, the last link to the English parent society was removed by changing the name to Česko-Slovenská Jednota. From that date the progress of the society is evident. It now has just short of six thousand members, and has \$35,000 in its reserve fund. The interest earnings of this fund are used

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to pay the death benefit dues of those members who are unable to pay because of old age. The activity of this society in national and educational matters is great.

We can boldly assert that the activities of the Free Thought School Association were made possible by a regular monthly contribution which the Grand Lodge turned over to that organization. At the present time there is a new Bohemian central body of representatives of Bohemian societies coming into existence. This group will have as its purpose to take notice of such laws as would be detrimental to the Bohemian societies, and to work against their passage in legislature where its influence can be exerted. It will be a body which will be useful in national undertakings, and which will prepare the ground for the distant but possible unification of all Bohemian societies having a common goal. The idea of founding such an organization originated in the Grand Lodge of the Česko-Slovenská Jednota, where they are

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working not only for their own benefit but also for the benefit of all  
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A DANGEROUS BILL  
Cesko-Slovanska Jednota V Americe Starts  
Adverse Propaganda

Yesterday's meeting of the Cesko-Slovanska Jednota V Americe (Bohemian-Slavonic Union in America) was called for a discussion of the Mobile bill which will come up for a vote in the State Legislature this year, and for the discussion of the only possible means of self-preservation for our benevolent societies--their fusion. Those present at the meeting debated the question of how such a fusion should be attempted, and it was finally agreed that each delegate who was present at the meeting should explain to the body he represented the nature of the bill and its danger to our societies. Each representative will report at the next meeting of the Jednota, which will be held April 5 at the hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) on May Street, as to what action his society proposes to take. It should be clearly understood that the proposed fusion should not involve a pooling of financial resources. As several of the representatives have already explained, there is no doubt that the bill is nothing more than a

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death blow aimed at our benevolent societies, and that behind this bill stand huge financial interests, in other words, large insurance companies. The Mobile bill, as Mr. Rudolf Janda has shown, contains a number of useful provisions, but in principle it militates against all fraternal benevolent organizations, and its passage would mean their early destruction. This bill also gives unlimited arbitrary power to the superintendent of the Department of Insurance of the State of Illinois. At the coming meeting the question of whether or not it is possible to accomplish a fusion of all our benevolent societies, and the best method of achieving such a union, will be discussed.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the following societies: [Translator's note: Eight benevolent societies are mentioned, most of them represented by two, some by three, and one by four delegates.]

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MEETING OF THE CESKY NARODNI HRBITOV

The meeting of the Cesky Narodni Hrbitov (Bohemian National Cemetery Association) was called to order by the president, Mr. J. Pech. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The financial secretary read the payroll for the month of January. According to his report, there are thirty-seven employees and the payroll amounts to \$1,969.78. Mr. Halik announced that the financial report required by the county court had been prepared and was signed by the management committee and forwarded to the court. The request for membership made by the Society for Cremation, which deposited one hundred dollars' membership dues, was unanimously approved. Announcement of new delegates to the Narodni Hrbitov was made: [Translator's note: There follows a list of names of organizations and delegates.]

The Indiana Gas Company deposited \$2,000 in payment for the bonds which the Narodni Hrbitov bought in the past and which it is now selling at forty

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According to the semi-annual report of the financial committee, the receipts for the six months ending January 1, 1912, were \$39,719.68; disbursements, \$33,702.83. The balance in treasury is \$6,016.85. The assets of the Narodni Hrbítov amount to \$504,335, as against \$501,173.01 the previous year--an increase of \$3,161.31. The cemetery has a total of 5,230 lots and thus far there are 28,031 persons buried there. Total disbursements since the date of organization amounted to \$1,259,145.32. Receipts during the same period amounted to \$1,265,162.17. It was resolved that the management committee work up a new inventory of all the assets of the Association. Receipts at this meeting were \$5,440.97; disbursements \$4,132.26; balance in the treasury, \$7,350.58. With that the meeting adjourned.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 2, 1912.

NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF  
THE CESKO-SLOVANSKA JEDNOTA

Yesterday's New Year celebration of the large, benevolent and nationalistic organization, Cesko-Slovanska Jednota (Czecho-Slavonic Society), was a genuine manifestation.

This New Year's celebration has been an annual event for many years and is arranged by the Grand Lodge of the society with the aid of the subordinate lodges of Chicago and vicinity. The celebration yesterday was somewhat a preliminary to the festive day in May, at which time the society will celebrate its twentieth anniversary. Twenty years of activity! How much good it has done in that period is known best by the public. Yes, indeed, the society has been active among Czechs for that period and is, therefore, rightfully deserving of the greatest respect if we take into consideration the great work which it has done during that time for the welfare of its members and in the national field. Every sincere countryman of ours will welcome with joy the report that the society is entering the new Year with the fullest hope for another twenty years, which will surely be even more fruitful and successful than the past twenty years. The large hall of Pilsen Sokol on Ashland Avenue



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was filled to capacity with members, their friends, and even the general public, all gathered to pay homage to a tireless meritorious work. The program was carefully arranged and served to show the good will of the arrangements committee to provide the audience with the best of entertainment. The celebration began with the playing of a festive march by the orchestra under the direction of Mr. M. Cada. Mr. E. Frydl, Grand Lodge President, spoke briefly, and ended with a wish for much success in the new year. The high light of the program was the festive speech by Dr. Frantisek Iska.....

Then followed the report of the Grand Lodge Secretary, Mr. Hrvs: "We have had, for many years, a good habit in our society in that we meet on New Year's Day so that we may review what has been accomplished in the past year and what it is necessary to do for the further growth and success of the society. Numerically, our society was enlarged by three societies: Lodge Columbia, initiated on January 5, 1911; Lodge California, initiated on February 13, 1911; and Lodge Lipany, No. 63, initiated on July 21, 1911. In the journal of January 1, 1911, the report of the Secretary, it appears that there were 4,736

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members in December, 1910. In the journal of January, 1912, the membership is listed as 5,220. According to the reports in the journal, the increase amounted to 484 members. To this should be added the initiates for December, numbering 50, making an increase of 534 members. In reality there were 893 members initiated into the society in the past year. This indicates a difference of 359 members between the initiates and the actual growth of the society, and this is accounted for by 66 deaths and 293 dropped for nonpayment of dues or resignations."

The above report as well as the following report by the Grand Lodge Auditor, Mr. Hribal, were received with praise. Mr. Hribal reported: "Since the founding of the society 621 members have died, having a total insurance of \$544,000. The sum of \$533,261.67 has been paid out to the beneficiaries of the deceased members, leaving the society with liabilities of \$10,739, against which the society has cash on hand, \$1,294.80, cash due from subordinate lodges, \$4,900, or a total of \$6,194.80. Deducting this amount there still remains a liability of \$4,544.20. Against this the society has \$31,300 in bonds; cash



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in Grand Lodge fund, \$1,098.53; accounts payable by subordinate lodges, \$1,200, making a total of \$33,598.53; after deducting the liability of \$4,544.20, there remains a balance of \$29,054.33. The number of members on January 1, 1911, was 4,747, on December 1, 1911, it was 5,220, increase in membership for eleven months was 473. Deaths from January 1, 1911 to January 1, 1912, were 66 members. Death benefit payments from January 1, 1911 to January 1, 1912, amounted to \$55,750.

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TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BY JUBILEE LODGE  
NO. 95 ČESKO-SLOVENSKÉ PODPORUJÍCÍ SPOLKY  
(CZECHO-SLOVAK BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES)



Sunday's festival, given by Jubilee Lodge No. 95, Czecho-Slovak Benevolent Societies, in the Bohemian-American School Hall, in celebration of the tenth anniversary of its existence, was a brilliant affair and met with complete success in every respect. It was an evening which will be long remembered by the participants, because they received, not only earnest instruction and encouragement for continued work, but also enjoyed a refined entertainment which was provided by master musicians, experienced speakers, and excellent singers. The more serious part of the program consisted of a speech by Dr. Jaroslav E. S. Vojan, editor of the official journal of the Czecho-Slovak Benevolent Society, whose theme was "A Bohemian-American belongs in a Czech Society," and speeches by Messrs. John Pech, president of the National Grand Lodge; E. Fridl, president of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; Brother Kožený, president of the Jubilee Lodge. From the financial secretary's report, it

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appears that the lodge is prospering satisfactorily and is performing its duties exemplarily not only toward its members and their families, but toward all national and cultural undertakings which are worthy and need support. The assets of Jubilee Lodge amount to almost one thousand dollars, and its membership consists of ninety-three brothers and three sisters. At the conclusion of the program, an informal entertainment followed, which continued until a late hour.

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IV On Friday the directors of the Bohemian Charitable Association held a meeting which was called to order by the chairman, Judge Joseph Z. Uhlíř. The secretary, Mr. Otta Fuerst, read the minutes of the previous meeting and these were accepted as read. A communication from the Old People's Home and Orphanage expressing gratitude for gifts received from the Bohemian Charitable Association was read. Another communication indicates that Mr. Frank G. Hájiček received a further contribution of ten dollars for the Association. Mr. Frank J. Petru announced that two dollars were turned over to him by the St. Ludmila Society for tickets. It was resolved to give a vote of thanks to the arrangements committee--Messrs. K. Novak, Stanley J. Loula, Jan (John) A. Sokol, Roman Sedláček, and Frank J. Petru. To be sure, the energetic ladies who helped in every way possible to make the dance a success should not be forgotten. Receipts for the past month....total \$81. The Bohemian Charitable Association found work for four clients; in two cases

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IV with food stuffs; one person was sent to a hospital; rent was paid  
for one client; clothing was provided in five cases. The chairman,  
Mr. Joseph Z. Uhlíř, turned in a check for twelve dollars, which amount was  
collected at the celebration of the 35th birthday anniversary of Mr. Stanislav  
Šimeček, held in Mr. Anton Snabl's place at 26th Street and Trumbull Avenue.  
For the Christmas gift distribution which will be made to families suffering  
want, an investigation committee was appointed. With the coming of winter,  
the office of the Bohemian Charitable Association will become busy and for  
that reason some help should be secured in time so that aid may be rendered  
quickly and in the right places. The executive itself will decide in the  
matter. A motion was adopted which resulted in a lively debate among those  
present. It was said that with the help of our most popular artists, such  
as Emma Destinn, Slezak [first name omitted], and others who will be in our  
metropolis this season, a concert should be given in the Auditorium, the  
net proceeds of which are to be donated not only to the Bohemian Charitable



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II D 5 Association but also to the Old People's Home and Orphanage and to

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IV into three equal parts. For that purpose, Mr. John A. Červenka

will notify all societies which are to be represented and each of them will elect three delegates who will then work jointly toward the desired goal. Messrs. John A. Červenka, Joseph L. Uhlir, and Václav Vanek were elected to represent the Bohemian Charitable Association. This is surely a great idea and therefore it is necessary, in a matter so noble and for such a noble cause, that all should work together. Not only would there be prepared for the music-loving public a highly uplifting entertainment, but all three of the above-mentioned institutions would be helped very much. The committee from the Bohemian Charitable Association and the committees from the Old People's Home and Orphanage and St. Joseph's Orphanage are to work together to secure the artists for this concert and are to carry on an active agitation. Chairman Mr. Joseph L. Uhlir mentioned that there was a surplus in the treasury and he was told to take the matter up with Mr. Frank G. Hajiček. The meeting then adjourned.

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### TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Podporující Spolek Plzeňských Řezníků (Pilsen Butchers' Benevolent Society) has completed twenty-five years of its activity. It celebrated this jubilee last Saturday in a dignified celebration held in the Pilsen Sokol hall on Ashland Avenue. In spite of the fact that a heavy down-pour and stormy weather threatened to spoil the celebration, our Czech butchers and their many friends were not frightened or kept away from the affair.

After nine o'clock, the hall began to fill and soon was full of dancing couples. The hall was gayly decorated with luxurious flowers. The guests were welcomed at the entrance by the Misses Ciha and Horacek, who presented each lady with a beautiful rose, and the gentlemen with a carnation.

After several dance numbers, Mr. Ludvík Jaroš, the president, gave an

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address of welcome to the gathering. He gave a brief sketch of the history and activities of the society. In his enthusiastic speech, he brought out that in the year 1886, when almost all people began to organize for the purpose of more easily procuring their needs, the betterment of conditions, and assuring a brighter future, several assiduous Czech butchers met together. They resolved to organize a society for the improvement of the butcher trade. The initiatory meeting was called for October 24, 1886. The meeting was called by Brother Cyril Fiala, and was attended by sixteen butchers, who approved of the organization of the Society. The society was organized under the name "Klub Plzeňských Řezníků." (Pilsen Butchers' Club). A committee was elected at this meeting. The society's headquarters were in the Česko-Americké Svobodomyslné Škole (Bohemian-American Liberal School) on 18th Street. The new society soon gained great popularity, and its membership quickly rose to a large number. It accepted a constitution on December 19, and the present name was adopted at that time. A year and a quarter later,

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the Society purchased a banner which its color sergeant of many years presents here.

The society thus formed flourished satisfactorily and grew strong not only in membership, but financially as well, proof of which is that from the date of its organization up to the present time, there were nominated 345 candidates for membership; of these twenty-two were rejected. Sixty-three members were expelled from the Society. Thirty-two members died. Receipts from dues, entertainments, interest, and other income amounted to \$28,687.83. Disbursements were : \$11,204.03; sick benefits \$4,207; death benefits \$4,696; for charitable purposes \$529.55; for the national and educational cause \$416.50. Total \$21,053.06. Today, after twenty-five years of existence, the Society has \$7,634.77 and numbers 211 paying members and two honorary members.

The president then introduced to the public the charter members of the society: Messrs. August Špička, Emil Fiala, Cyril Fiala, Frank Smolík,



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Frank Záhrobský, Vaclav Jaroš, Vaclav Klaus and Vojtech Prucha. He thanked these briefly and sincerely for their work on behalf of the society. Then, as a token of love and recognition, he gave each of them a gold monogram watch fob as a memento of the occasion . . . . .

The program committee was composed of Messrs. Ludvík Jaroš, Vaclav Salát, Vaclav Illich and Frank Ciha.

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BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

The dance arranged by the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association), which took place on November 1, was unexpectedly successful, financially. The net proceeds to date amount to \$1,815. Many tickets are not yet paid for, and it is urgent in the interest of the welfare work which the Association has taken upon itself that the tickets be paid for promptly by anyone still owing for them so that the Association can announce the names of the contributors, and render a complete report to the public of the success and profit of this successful affair.



Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 21, 1911.

A NEW BOHEMIAN MASONIC LODGE

A new Bohemian lodge, Bohemia Lodge, was admitted into the ranks of the Free Masons in a brilliant ceremony last night. The ceremony was held in Maden Temple, on Dearborn Avenue and Walton Place. There was a gigantic participation on the part of members and invited guests, of whom a large percentage are members of the Free Masons. One hundred six charter members of the new lodge were present, and the inaugural ceremony began at 7:30 P. M.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Illinois entered the hall in a body with Grand Master H. J. Burnett. The Grand Master addressed those present with enthusiastic words and left a deep impression upon the listeners. Then followed the installation of officers of the new lodge:

Charles B. Pavliček,

Master;

Charles J. Novak,

Senior Warden;

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Joseph A. Holpuch,	Junior Warden;
Frank E. Novak,	Treasurer;
Otto Pelánek,	Secretary;
Rev. Vaclav Vanek,	Chaplain;
Harry J. Chochola,	Senior Deacon;
Otto J. Pelikan,	Junior Deacon;
Frank Pecival,	Senior Steward;
Frank R. Šrochta,	Junior Steward;
William Kolaček,	Marshall;



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A. Erst,

Organist;

Charles Novak,

Guard.

Following the installation, there was a concert program, and this was followed by a banquet in which more than one thousand guests participated. Following the banquet, there was a dance entertainment in the large hall.

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BOHEMIAN NATIONAL CEMETERY

The Bohemian National Cemetery Association held its regular meeting yesterday. The president, Mr. Pech, called the meeting to order at eight o'clock in the evening. The secretary, Mr. Halik, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were noted and unanimously approved. Accounts payable as read by the financial secretary were approved and ordered paid. The payroll for employed workers in the amount of \$3,799.33 was noted. Then followed the reading of communications received. Robert H. Vickers, of Lodge No. 63 announced by letter that in its meeting it had elected as delegate, Brother Victor H. Filip of 1125 Eighteenth Street, for a period of one year. Lodge Jiri Podebradsky, No. 24 C. S. P. S. Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Jednota, (Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Society) announces that Brother Zelenka resigned as delegate because of his advanced age, and that in his stead Brother Thomas Tyk was elected as delegate. Lodge Vratislav, No. 51, C. S. P. S. (Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Society) protests against the action of the Bohemian National Cemetery Association in regard to the increase in prices of lots, both large and small.



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and the increase in charges for digging graves on lots owned by individuals. The lodge insists that prices should remain as heretofore. On this question, there ensued a debate among several members of the Association, and it was finally resolved on motion of the chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Smejkal, that the letter be taken note of, filed, and a written explanation sent to the Lodge. The matter was turned over to the secretary for the required action.

The letter from Doctor F. Iska, whereby he sends a circular and proclamation on behalf of Czech-American Freethought Society and Associates, asking for support and aid in the construction of the "Hus House" was accepted and postponed indefinitely. The gymnastic society, Sokol Havlicek, extends an invitation to attend the ceremonies in connection with the laying of the corner stone of its new gymnasium, on October 8. Noted and filed.

The Association of Czech Liberal (Freethought) Schools of Chicago reports that receipts for the past six months amount to \$1,227.12; disbursements



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were \$2,057.60; the deficit amounted to \$830.48.

The following transfers of lots were made: Marie Tourek to Marie Mudil; Adolph Petrik to Anna Petrik; Anton Kouba to Frank Mark and Marie Burian to Vaclav Burian. All of these transfers were approved. Then followed a debate as to whether or not the Board of Directors should make a report in regard to the building of a crematorium, how far negotiations with builders of electric furnaces for crematoriums have proceeded and whether or not a crematorium is really going to be built, if so, when will the work be started. Messrs. Hladovec, Mencl, Pospisil, Svoboda, Kopecky, Benes, and Friedl took part in the debate in which various opinions were voiced. In the end, a motion by Mr. Kopecky and seconded by Smejkal that the present committee of three be augmented by four other members was approved. The committee to jointly take care of proposals for the building of a crematorium, and to ascertain from experts the best method of cremation, and submit its findings for the approval of the next meeting. The new members of the committee are: Messrs. Kralovec, Svoboda, Dobias, and Hladovec.



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All of them accepted the task. . . . .

For the decoration and care of graves, the Association received the following amounts: from A. Wisinger, 1839 West 47 Street, for the care of the graves of Anton, Anna, and Marie Recka \$300; from Anton Kaspar, for the care of the graves of Frank, Rose, and Charles Chladek \$200; from Jarmila Matys for the care of the graves of her parents \$125. Finally, the financial report was read; August 1911, receipts were \$15,836.83; disbursements \$9,835.84; balance \$6,000.99. The semi-annual financial report indicates receipts of \$70,206.21; disbursements \$65,170.50, leaving a balance of \$5,035.71.



Assets of the Association consist of cash, long term papers, inventory and notes for lots sold and care of graves, in total amount of \$501,173.71 as against \$472,363.57 for the previous half year, thereby showing an increase of \$28,810.14. Total receipts since organization of the Association to June 30, 1911 were: \$1,230,478.20; disbursements \$1,225,422.49. There are a total of 5,214 lots in the cemetery, and 4,382 of these have been sold,

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leaving 382 unsold thus far. There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.



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CZECH DELEGATES TO GRAND LODGE

Mr. Joseph Fakan and Mr. Frank J. Petru will leave today for Crawfordsville, Indiana, to represent Czech lodges at a meeting of directors of the Grand Lodge of the Tribe of Ben Hur. (a benevolent society). This meeting will be held tomorrow in the offices of the Grand Lodge. There have been many complaints by our countrymen against the Tribe of Ben Hur during the past year concerning the great difficulties in the paying of death claims, and very often forcing claimants to resort to the courts. Recently, Czech doctors were denied the right of examining countrymen for membership, and Czech lodges were left without a doctor of their own nationality. In the case of death of some member, the officers of the lodge and the beneficiaries are forced to have the required statements made out by



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a doctor with whom very often they can not make themselves understood, The Grand Lodge has gone so far in its opposition toward the Czechs that it no longer is accepting new Czech members in Chicago. In its last meeting, the local organization, Central Body of the Czech Lodges of the Tribe of Ben Hur, in which are represented thirty-four Czech lodges with a membership of 3,500, elected Messrs. Frank J. Petru and Joseph Fakan to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge officers in Crawfordsville, Indiana. These delegates have as their task to find out why Chicago Czechs are banned, to request the appointment of a Czech medical examiner, and the appointment of a Czech representative to the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge will also be given an emphatic request to pay claims more promptly, without court proceedings, as had been done formerly. It also requests the Grand Lodge to cease treating Chicago Czechs as if



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they were an undesirable element in its membership. Attention will be called to the dissatisfaction existing among the members of Czech lodges, and the results it might have if conditions are not corrected as soon as possible.



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RECEIPTS OF THE OLD PEOPLES HOME AND ORPHANAGE

Old People's Home and Orphanage receipts in the meeting of August 16, 1911.  
Collection box in the Orphanage \$9.64.  
Collection box in the Home \$9.80.  
Collection box at Mr. Spachmans \$2.35.  
Mr. Jacob Janda turned in \$3.45 proceeds from the sale of souvenir books.  
For the upkeep of four children, Mrs. Solivar \$14.00. Mrs. Em. Beranek,  
for membership \$100. Interest received on loan (Berstein) \$220. For the  
upkeep of the Kaspar children \$10. Total \$369.24

Fred P. Svoboda,  
Financial secretary.

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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BY THE  
ILLINOIS GRAND LODGE OF THE CZECH-SLAVONIC  
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

(Summary)

A remarkable jubilee was celebrated at the halls of the Pilsen (district) Park yesterday. It was the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Illinois Grand Lodge of C.S.P.S. [Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolecnost] (Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Society). Mr. Eugene Frydl, president, opened the ceremonies with heartfelt words. He presented the wards of the Czech Orphanage, and introduced Miss Vilim, the guardian, Mrs. Blafka, the housekeeper of the institution. Victoria Kaspar then thanked the brethren of the C.S.P.S. for the many things done for the children.



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Doctor Iska; in addressing the assembly, pointed to the enormous amount of work done by the Czech settlers of the western section of the United States during the past thirty-five years.

Brother Pech, president of the National Grand Lodge of the C.S.P.S., and brother Joseph H. Filip, secretary, read telegrams of felicitation sent by Czech associations from all over the United States.

At the end of the ceremonies, president Frydl declared the program closed, and the younger generation came into its own in dance and merriment.

It was generally regretted that Doctor J. S. Vojan, who was scheduled as one of the principal speaker, did not appear.



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THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Directors of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) was held on Friday in Pilsen Park. The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Joseph Uhlir at eight o'clock in the evening. Members present were: Messrs. Cermak, Cervenka, Docekal, Hajicek, Loula, Novak, Petru, Sedlacek, Sokol, Triska, Turek and Uhlir.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Directors could not be read because the secretary, Mr. Furst, was not present. A motion, that Mr. Sedlacek be named acting secretary of this meeting, was approved. Mr. Sedlacek then accepted this function. The reading of correspondence was the next order of business. Most of the communications were requests for aid or work, and had for the most part already been taken care of by the Executive Committee, and by the office of the Association. The others were recommended for favorable action. Two of the letters embraced requests which do not come into the field of activity

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covered by the Association, and were turned over to Alderman Anton J. Cermak for personal action. All other communications were noted, and those which concerned contributions were referred for answer.

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Mr. Docekal then read his report. The report showed that the Association handled 137 cases, of which eighty-one were new cases. Of these eighty-one cases, fifty requested aid and thirty-one work. Eight of all these cases were rejected, the others taken care of satisfactorily. In five cases in need of medical attention, Doctor Tetrev, Doctor Kolar and Doctor Napieralski gave their services. Attorneys Klenha and Pisa performed legal services in three cases free. Receipts for the past two months were \$1232.80. List of contributions given Disbursements for July and August \$366.95. Three bills against the Association were ordered paid.

On the motion that the Association hold a dance, Messrs. Uhlir, Cermak, Cervenka, Loula, Sokol, and Novak took part in the debate. It was finally decided to hold a dance sometime in November, and a committee of three elected consisting of

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Messrs: Petru, Sokol and Loula. Finally it was resolved that a Directors meeting be held regularly, and that the Executive Committee be called within fourteen days. There being no further business to transact, the meeting was declared closed.

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CELEBRATION BY THE ČESKO-SLOVANSKÝ PODPURNÝ  
SPOLEK (CZECH-SLAVONIC BENEVOLENT SOCIETY)  
The Grand Lodge of Illinois Celebrates Its  
Thirty-fifth Anniversary Tomorrow

Prior to four weeks ago we were preparing for the gigantic celebration of Havliček. [The Karel Havliček monument unveiling ceremonies.] We awaited it with expectancy, we all worked so that it might be completely successful. Liberal-minded Czechs of Chicago are again making preparations, again they are filled with hopeful expectation and again they are zealously working for the success of the celebration which takes place today and by which the Illinois Grand Lodge of the Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Society celebrates its thirty-fifth anniversary. The Czech-Slovak Benevolent Society was founded more than fifty-seven years ago, in March 1854, in St. Louis, Missouri. At that time, our communities in Illinois, and first of all in Chicago, were small; there were no newspapers to spread reports about the successful activities of the Czech undertakings, there were no active con-





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tacts between separate Czech-American communities and as a result the Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Societies developed very slowly. It was not until September 18, 1875 that the first Chicago lodge of the Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Society was organized. This lodge was named Věrnost and was number eight; afterwards, in the next year, June 1876, the Illinois Grand Lodge was formed. After this followed rapidly the organization of Lodges Praha, Rovnost, Jungman, Jiří Podebradsky and Osveta. These are the oldest members of the powerful order of the Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Society in Chicago. New lodges were added rapidly after that and today about 7,000 enlightened Czech men and women come under the banner of the society. About one third of all the membership of the Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Society is in Chicago.

When the Grand Lodge, the central body of the Society in the State, celebrates the anniversary of its founding, the entire local membership celebrates with it and the whole Czech public should be interested in such a celebration. It is certain that it will be a demonstration of gigantic



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proportions, that it will be a genuine exhibition of the strength of the Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Society lodges, and that the fraternity which made the lodges what they are today, will ensue. Czechs who look upon the Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Society as their most important organization will celebrate their holiday today. This will be evident even before the parade which will leave at 9:30 A. M. from the Society's hall on Eighteenth Street. . . . . The program in the Pilsen Brewery Company's park on Twenty-sixth Street will begin at 2 P. M. and will consist of the following numbers. . . . .

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 7, 1911.

### ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF FORESTERS

The annual celebration of the Bohemian-American Foresters, which has always enjoyed the attention of our public and which had a large attendance, was once again significantly successful. The celebration was held in the Pilsen Brewery Park, on 26th Street and Albany Avenue. A festive parade started at about ten o'clock in the morning with Mr. Zahrobky as marshall. It moved from the C. S. P. S. (Czechoslovak Benevolent Society) Hall, on 18th Street at May Street, making its way to the park. The success of the celebration can be attributed to the preparatory work and activity of the entertainment committee composed of Messrs. Chobotsky, Martinek, and Hudecek; Mrs. Stepanek, Mr. Budilovsky, Grand Chief Ranger of the Grand Court J. C. A. L. and L. (Bohemian American Foresters).



Denni Hlasatel, July 8, 1911.

A TOTAL OF \$1086.10 COLLECTED ON TAG DAY FOR THE  
BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

The sacrificing work of our ladies bore fruit of which our noble workers may be proud, and from which our poor will derive great benefit. The distribution of prizes, donated by a group of well-known business men for those who make the largest collection, took place last night at the Pilsen pavilion. The containers were opened by the Rev. Vaclav Vanek. A total of ninety-five containers were returned, and of these fourteen were empty. In eighty-one, a total of \$1086.10 was found.

Sixteen prizes were awarded to the following named ladies:

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The ladies and the generous donors were warmly thanked by Mr. J. Cervenka. For entertainment, a fine band furnished the music gratis, and last night's

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party was a joyful affair in every respect.

Because of lack of space in today's issue, we will publish the complete list of names of the sacrificing collectors tomorrow.

It should be mentioned that the entire group of ladies who received prizes gave them up for the benefit of the Charitable Association. They are Mmes. Cervenka, Mendl, Benes, Sedlacek, Miss Turek, Mmes. Roubik, Kalbach, Miss Sistka and Miss Petru.

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Denri Hlasatel, June 23, 1911.

### BOHEMIANS JOINING THEIR OLD SOCIETIES

(Editorial)



A welcome revelation in our Bohemian life is the way Bohemians, who formerly joined the societies of other nationalities in such large numbers, are now withdrawing in crowds and becoming members of Bohemian societies. This is no more than right and it is beneficial to individuals and societies alike. It does not strike us to say that perhaps some of these societies do not offer their members such advantages as are offered by the Bohemian societies, but if there were no other reason, we fail to see why Bohemians should join the societies of other nationalities if they derive no material benefits thereby. On the other hand, we see many reasons why Bohemians should remain members of Bohemian benevolent societies. Of these, the most important is that the strengthening of the benevolent societies means

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for us a strengthening of our national consciousness, and in that is  
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THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the directors of the Bohemian Charitable Association was held last night in the Hilsen Pavilion at Twenty-sixth Street and Albany Avenue. Judge Joseph E. Uhler presided over the meeting. The secretary being absent, his task was taken over by Mr. J. Docekal. The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and these were approved as read. Next came the reading of communications received, the majority of which were requests for aid and as usual these were given careful attention. The auditing committee then gave a report for the month of June and from this report it appeared that the Association received a mere forty-eight dollars during the month and disbursed with \$257.30. This screaming disproportion calls directly to our more well-to-do people, to continuously and under all circumstances remember and support the Charitable Association.



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During the month there were forty-three applicants for aid.

Thirty of these cases were given assistance. Five cases are waiting the completion of the investigation and nine cases were rejected.

After the requests for aid were disposed of, the discussion turned to the Flag Day which is to be held on the fourth of July. The directors were notified yesterday that the ladies, to whom this great collection for our poor was entrusted, have already held several meetings and are of the opinion that perhaps the days of the Kavlicek monument unveiling ceremonies would be better suited for the purposes of the Flag Day. However, the directors decided to hold to the arrangements already made. We are in complete agreement with this and confidently expect that there will not be a single Bohemian in America on that day who will not cheerfully allow himself to be inspired, and who will not make as generous a contribution as his means will permit.

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It is a year ago reported as being the day our ladies that from morning to night on the Fourth of July, all crossings, parks, and frequent places. These as duties will be carried by collectors. There will be collected, and will be urged, because it is expected that everyone will be conscious of his duty and will contribute. It is understood, of course, that the carnival for our young ladies is expected and those who would like to dedicate a day's work for this purpose will send their names and addresses to the chairman of the Women's Committee Mrs. H. Berwick, 1412 Clinton Park Avenue. Girls from fourteen years up and over 17. A meeting of the Women's Committee will be held in Wilson Hall on the last Friday before the Fourth of July.

We add that the ladies who make the largest collections will be rewarded with beautiful useful premiums donated for this purpose by Messrs. J. F.

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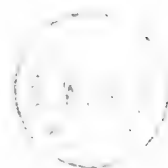
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Kalla, Adrian Bellacek, and the Slavonic-American Bank. Let us hope that other businessmen will join in this noble endeavor. Receipts at the evening were forty-three dollars. The meeting ended.



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Denni Hlasatel, June 20, 1911.

THE BOHEMIAN-AMERICAN FORESTERS SOCIETY  
INCREASED BY TWO NEW COURTS



Two new courts were added to the Bohemian-American Foresters Society. They were initiated in a festive manner Saturday evening in Mr. Soukup's Hall on West Twenty-fifth Street. The two new courts are named "Budouchost" and "Snezka." The first being a men's society, the second a women's society. Both number 150 members. Messrs. Budilovsky, Hajek, and Zahrobsky officers of the grand court were present and conducted the ceremonies.

The reader will no doubt be interested in knowing that the members of the new courts are all former members of Lawndale Lodge No. 2034, Modern Brotherhood of America, who, being dissatisfied with the Grand Lodge of that organization in so far as the payment of death benefits was concerned, decided to withdraw and became members of the Bohemian-American Foresters. As we have been told, this action was taken after a stormy meeting, where

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it was argued before the members of the Lawndale Lodge that the Grand Lodge of the Modern American Brotherhood had treated them with unusual generosity, that it had wronged no one, and that if in some cases it did not pay death benefits, that it was justified in doing so and that all those lawsuits to compel it to do otherwise were meaningless. However, the members did not want to understand this in that way and apparently thinking that they would be better off in a strictly Bohemian Unity, they reorganized and joined the Foresters.

Mr. Jan Subert is president and Mr. Vaclav Pitlik is secretary of "Budoucnost" Court. Mrs. Anna Charvat is president of "Snezka" Court.

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## THE COLUMBIAN COLLEGE ASSOCIATION INC.

A meeting was held yesterday at the Wilson Pavilion by a committee of the Bohemian Charitable Association. The meeting was called for the purpose of making preparations for the so-called "Ice Day." The following named ladies arrived for the meeting: Miss S. Soracek, Mesdames C. Linek, Matrov, Fuerst, Siskin, Jurak, Sallack, Jerveka, and Milir. Messrs. Jerveka, Petru, Jurak and Bocekal were present as an executive committee for the Bohemian Charitable Association. It was decided to bar in all communities settled by Bohemians. Mr. Jerveka was chosen chairman by the ladies present, and it was agreed that the next meeting be held next Wednesday afternoon in Wilson Park.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 15, 1911.

BOHEMIAN NATIONAL UNDERTAKINGS OF CHICAGO

(Editorial)

We have several Bohemian national undertakings in Chicago at present, of which we can be and are proud of by every right. Our National Cemetery which is hardly equaled by any other cemetery in Chicago; our Old People's Home and Orphanage; and our Bohemian Charitable Association. We are now taking care of the living and the dead, and no one can any longer censure us, as happened not so long ago, when we took care of the dead only. True, this is not yet all that we should or could have, but let us hope, that with good will and a little sacrifice, we will live to see it come to pass.

First of all, we should look to the education of our youth. It is understood that education of the youth along nationalistic trends is meant.



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Let us raise our sons and daughters to be good, conscientious Bohemians. Let us teach them to love all things Bohemian, and then we need have no apprehension that we will die out, or that our language will be forgotten here. All that is necessary is to work with a will. The founding of the Bohemian National Council was a good start in the right direction.





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Denni Hlasatel, June 12, 1911.

THE CORNERSTONE OF THE SOKOL CHICAGO HALL  
ADDITION LAID IN A FESTIVE MANNER

It was a significant and grand celebration which was held yesterday afternoon in our Bohemian California. The cornerstone of the addition to the hall of one of the most active sokol societies of America, Sokol Chicago, on Kedzie Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street, was laid. Sokol Chicago plays an important part in the social life and educational activities in Bohemian California. For that reason, it was not strange that on this significant occasion the entire Bohemian quarter was on its feet, that an enthusiastic holiday mood prevailed, that wherever a person looked, it was apparent that something significant was going on.

The celebration began shortly after noon when the various sokol societies and delegates of other patriotic bodies began to assemble at Twenty-third and Spaulding Streets so as to take part in a parade. This was assembled

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around two P.M., and proceeded to the Social Union Hall.

The parade, which had a simplified appearance, moved along Twenty-fifth Street to Madzie Avenue, and then to the building site. There it spread out before the Social Union building, to which two large wires are being added, and here the band played "The Song of the Union" after which Mr. Houlal came forward and delivered an appropriate speech, calling attention to the significance of the occasion. The existence of the present union of Social Union was laid in the year 1890. At that time California was just in its infancy. Social Union, upon its organization, had only fifty-seven members, but it grew up very prosperously and performed a task, of which it was proud. It was a small building, but it was a very good one. It was a very good one. Its friends doubted that it could be able to pay for the hall. Social Union paid off the debt within eight years, and it was the best proof of the consciousness with which it worked. After paying for the hall, its

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development in the building slackened, it continued to expand that way, until it became evident a full expression of its wonderful design would all suffice for the full expression of its wonderful design. The enlargement of the hall was beginning to be thought of, and now, finally, steps have been taken toward its accomplishment. Plans were made, and if success is met with according to these plans, Sokol Chicago Hall will become one of the largest Mexican national halls not only in Chicago, but in all America.

After the cornerstone had been placed at the corner of the north wing, the parade was reassembled and proceeded to the Wilson Park, where the festive program was continued. Dr. Louis-William, Editor of Sokol America, of Detroit, Mich., then, addressed the assembly, calling attention to the fact that the cornerstone of one of the largest Sokol buildings in America had been laid. He then spoke of the many varied activities which Sokol Chicago developed, as in the spiritual field as in physical development,

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dramatic art, and all knowledge, which tends toward the good and beautiful. He called attention to the great task which this society has taken upon itself, expressing the hope that the people will not forget it in its hard fight, but will support it, because Sokol Chicago is not working for its own good only, it is working for the good of the entire Bohemian public. The entire Bohemian public benefits from its activity. The speaker named all the sokol societies which participated in the celebration, and proclaimed, convincingly, that none of them would forsake Sokol Chicago, that none of them would withhold a helping hand in time of need.

After a short intermission, various drills were performed under the direction of instructor Thomas Kocka. One hundred twenty-five girls performed calisthenics to the accompaniment of music. Then one hundred twenty-four boys performed calisthenics. Then followed thirty-two women sokols whose performance aroused general admiration. The program was concluded

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by a company of twenty-four sokols, who performed exercises on parallel bars and buck under the direction of Commander, Sokol Rudolph Langer. Exercises which will be performed in the competition at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 4 were demonstrated.

The Croatian singing society, Lora, arrived, even though somewhat late, and sang several beautiful songs under the direction of its choirmaster, Mr. Coufal.

The celebration came to an end with a dance in the pavilion, at which the younger generation, after all the hardships of the day, "kicked up its heels."



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IV      Association was held last evening in the office of banker, Mr.  
         Hajicek. Several important matters were discussed.

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The Bohemian Charitable Association is progressing successfully in its work, and because all of its members, especially the directors, conscientiously perform their duties, it is a very good reason why this Association has become a real **benefactor** for our poor people, and that it is gaining favor and support in the widest circles.

Judge J. Z. Uhler presided at the meeting yesterday. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and upon the motion of Mr. Cihak, were unanimously approved. The reading of communications received was the next order of business. The most interesting of those, which were not concerned with requests for aid, was the letter from the secretary of the United Charities of Chicago, Helen R. Friend,

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IV In order that the objectionable points of this letter may be understood, we herewith give a brief explanation. The Bohemian Charitable Association will surely look after and help any countrymen who are stricken by difficulty or misfortune, but it is expected that other societies should share their contributions for the care of our poor, especially when such societies appeal for support to our more well-to-do Bohemians, and receive it in generous amounts. Alderman Cermak also expressed himself in that sense about the communication from Secretary Friend. He moved that the communication be accepted, and Miss Friend be informed that the Bohemian Charitable Association is willing to take over all Bohemian cases, but that it should be given one-half of the contributions which the United Charities of Chicago receive from Bohemians. In the end, a committee, composed of Messrs. Uhler, Cermak, and Cervenka, was appointed. This committee is to call on Mr. Wacker, chairman of the United Charities of Chicago, to discuss the matter.

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Mr. Cervenka then reported the result of the conference with the National Cemetery Association in regard to the burial of the poor, free of charge, upon the recommendation of the Bohemian Charitable Association. As we already have mentioned, the matter under discussion was the burial without charge in such cases, instead of first paying for the grave, and then asking for a refund. For that purpose, a committee had been appointed, composed of Messrs. Otto R. Fuerst, and John A. Cervenka, to visit a meeting of the Cemetery Association in order to explain the matter, and obtain the agreement of that body. From Mr. Cervenka's report, we learned that the committee was not successful. The National Cemetery has a constitution and by-laws in this respect, and the deputation was given to understand that the Cemetery Association does not intend to deviate therefrom. The matter was referred to the managing committee, but inasmuch as that committee was unfavorable toward the Bohemian Charitable Association's request, it is almost certain that it will not receive satisfactory action on its request from the committee.



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II D 7 Alderman Anton J. Cernak called attention to the constantly recurrence

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I C He observed that this should have been stopped long ago, and anyone

IV in need of assistance should turn to the Bohemian Charitable Association,  
or be sent to it.

Mr. J. A. Cervenka spoke briefly about the preparations being made for the celebration of the Fourth of July, and urged that work commence in preparation for Tag Day, which will take place in all Bohemian sections for the benefit of the Bohemian Charitable Association.

After the settlement of various minor matters, Mr. John Docekal read a report summarizing the activities of the Association since the last annual meeting up to May 26. It appears from this report that there were ninety-five applications received for assistance; eighty-two of such cases received assistance, and in thirteen cases, it was denied. Insofar as securing employment is concerned, steady jobs were obtained for six applicants; temporary jobs were obtained for four applicants. It should be noted that more people are constantly asking for work, but there is none to be had. Therefore, the Bohemian

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II D 7 Charitable Association is asking and begging Bohemian employers,  
II D 3 who could perhaps offer some jobs, to call the office of the Bohemian  
I C Charitable Association for workers.

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The total receipts from January 1, to May 26, amounted to \$816.  
The disbursements for the same period were \$34.67. This sum includes all  
relief payments and expenses in connection with the management and maintenance  
of the office. Cash on hand amounts to \$2,347.07.

The Bohemian Charitable Association considers it as its duty to express its  
heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Kolar, Dr. Tetrev, and Dr. Steere, all of whom,  
with extraordinary generosity, offered their services in many cases gratis,  
to the Association, being recommended to them by the Association. The same  
applies to the druggist, Mr. Foucek, who donated the medicines prescribed by  
the doctors. No less praiseworthy is the generosity of the following lawyers:  
Messrs. Risa, Klenha, and Triska, who took care of some matters for penniless  
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II D 7 As can be seen, there is no lack of generosity on the part of the

II D 3 Charitable Association, and there is no doubt, today, that there

I C has developed from it an institution of which every Chicago Bohemian

IV can be proud.

(A list of names of the contributors is given for the period ending May 20, 1911.)

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Denni Hlasatel, May 21, 1911

THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

We have been informed from the office of the Bohemian Charitable Association that many young people are applying for work. The officers of the Association, Mr. John Docokul, and Mr. J. Hladky, are endeavoring in every way possible, but still are unable to secure work for everybody. Therefore, in the name of the Bohemian Charitable Association, and of the people seeking work, we take the liberty of appealing to the Bohemian public, especially the business men, and factory owners, not to hesitate to notify the office at 1436 West 18th Street, if they can offer someone employment.



Knowing the willingness and generosity of the Bohemian public toward the Bohemian Charitable Association, we expect that it will take cognizance of this appeal, and see to it that people, who are looking for work and want to work, do not remain idle.

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Denni Elsatel, May 18, 1911

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE ASSOCIATION MEETING

The meeting of the Old People's Home and Orphanage Association was called to order by Mr. Ant. Charvat. All members were present. A report on the number of inmates of the institution was then read. At the beginning of May, there were fourteen women and ten men in the Home. In the Orphanage, the number of inmates has not changed lately, there being twelve girls and twelve boys. Following the reading of the report, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and given close attention by the members of the Association. Likewise, the living quarters of Frantisek Eisanhamer, deceased, were given attention, and disinfected, so as to prevent other children being stricken with the infectious disease. The chairman then read the receipts of the day. (List of contributors given).



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Communications from persons wishing to enter the home were then read. The communications were accepted, and the requests will be taken care of according to a resolution adopted in the meeting.

A motion was made that, in the future, there be a roll call of the membership and that those members absenting themselves from the meetings of the body be dropped, and new members elected. The meeting was then adjourned, and a special meeting called for next Wednesday.



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Denni Hlasatel, May 10, 1911.

WELFARE SOCIETIES COMPLAIN OF LACKED EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE & SAYING THAT  
A. EMPLOYMENT BUT ALSO THERE IS NO WORK FOR ALL.

Mr. Sherman J. Kingsley, General Superintendent of the United Welfare Societies of Chicago, says that such great numbers of people are applying at his office for jobs, and he exerts himself in vain in his efforts to find jobs for hundreds of applicants. Mr. Kingsley adds that it is a long time since conditions were as they now are. The directors of the Bohemian Charitable Association, with its office in the "Jusko Americka Svobodna Skola" (The Bohemian-American Liberal /Free thought/ School) is likewise overcrowded with people, begging for work when that is impossible to obtain work for those asking for help.

"Inquiries for employment are at present twenty-five per cent greater than at this time last year," said Mr. Kingsley, "and by investigation, I have found that the city shelters have twice as many applicants than formerly.



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Denni Hlasatel, May 10, 1911.

The saddest part of it all is that they are mostly young people who are willing to work, and would be satisfied with any kind of work. When we try to find work for these people with the railroad companies, they show us hundreds and hundreds of applications already on file, to say nothing of the crowds in their employment offices every morning. The steel mills are working only at about one half capacity, and the Pullman factories are operating at about sixty per cent. People are not buying much, and factories are able to keep up with the demand by operating half time. An agent of a certain Jewish Charitable Society assured me that inquiry for jobs is fifty per cent more than usual. The lady says, that at no time during the past ten years has there been so little work in the wholesale clothing industry as this year. To be sure, most of the people applying to us for jobs have no trades, but what can be done about it, such people also must work and earn."





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Denni Masatel, May 10, 1911.

The officers of the Bohemian Charitable Association, which has done so much good for our unemployed and disaster-stricken countrymen, appeals to everyone who may know of a job to report it to their office immediately.



Denni Blasatel, Apr. 20, 1911.

"COLOMBIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION" HAS GONE

(Editorial)

The Colombian Charitable Association will have a "K" Day on July 4th. We will discuss this at length in a future issue. Today, we only want to say that such an organization as the Colombian Charitable Association should have a "K" Day at least once each week during the entire year and no matter how much money is collected, it would always reach the right place.

The Colombian Charitable Association has accomplished a gigantic piece of humanitarian work during the short period of its existence and is deserving of the support of every person of good will. Not much noise, not much fanfare, but work, honorable work, that is the motto of the Colombian Charitable Association. We do not wish to shout to the world the work we

Denni Klasatel, Apr. 20, 1911.

are doing by relieving the suffering among our countrymen, but we prefer to work quietly, and principally help is given effectively. Support the Bohemian Charitable Association and soon we will see that there is not one Bohemian or Slovak family in Chicago suffering from want.

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BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

The directors of the Bohemian Charitable Association held a meeting Saturday in the office of the Association in the Czech-Slovak American hall on 18th Street. It was in reality two meetings, that of the old board of directors, followed by a meeting of the new board of directors, which board was elected in the annual meeting of the Association on the 15th of this month. Both meetings were presided over by Judge Joseph L. Ullir. The outgoing board of directors finished some minor matters, and the various committees made their reports, which were all approved and accepted. The old officers were thanked for their work and the first meeting ended.

The presiding officer then called to order the meeting of the new board of directors. The names of the directors being first read.

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Denni Plaszatel, Mar. 30, 1911.

The following were present: Uhler, Sedlacek, Jurek, Petru, Hajicek, Foucek, Loula, Lola, Ellenka, Cernak, Jervenka, Stastny, Fuerst, Krasny, Kraus, Friska, Vanek, Janus, and Sokol. Those absent were: Novak, Cihak, Ringl, Pisa and Mendel.

The election of officers was the next order of business, and resulted as follows: Jos. L. Uhler, chairman; P. J. Petru, vice chairman; C. R. Fuerst, secretary; P. G. Hajicek, treasurer; A. J. Cernak, financial secretary.

In accordance with one of the important motions recently passed, agents for the various communities were elected as follows: S. J. Lola, New Tabor; Jos. Friska, Town of Lake; Jos. Ringl, Irving Park and Roman Sedlacek, Bonemian California.

After the election of officers, the election of various committees took

Denni Flasatel, Mar. 20, 1911.

place. The most important were the executive and the auditing committees. In accordance with a motion passed, the chairman appointed the following: Petru, Loula, Foucek, Lurek and Cervenka as the executive committee; Sedlacek, Lala, and Klenha as the auditing committee.

Mr. Cervenka then took the floor, and explained the details of the new system to the newly elected officers. It was then decided to call meetings of the board of directors monthly, and that the executive committee will make its reports at these meetings.

In Saturday's meeting, the receipt of \$10 as a membership fee from Attorney Jos. Z. Klenha, and three dollars from F. J. Edrubek, was announced. After Mr. Foucek had been again thanked for the excellent work he had done for the Association, and after the chairman, in ardent words, urged the new officers to perform the greatest possible activity, the meeting was brought to an end.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 20, 1911.

FOR CZECH MUTUAL AID SOCIETIES

(Advertisement)

"Don't believe them, don't give them anything!" These are the words of our unforgettable Havlichek, and they may be appropriately applied to some of the propagators of mutual aid societies among foreign nationalities. And for what good reason, then, do our fellow countrymen join those associations, when their interests can be equally well served by Czech organizations? There is a club, now being formed, which is to be attached to the Lozhe Cech (Czech Lodge) No. 25, of the thriving Ches. Slov. Jednota (Czech Slavonic Union). The membership and medical aid are free of charge. Prospective members may sign up in Schnabl's Tavern, 26th St., and Trumbull Ave.; at Mr. Fischer's, Lawndale Ave. and 26th St.; at Mr. Slama's, Throop St. and 18th St.; at Mr. Soukup's 25th St. and Sawyer Ave.; and with Mr. Richard Hegner, a member of the agitation committee, 2522 So. Hamlin Ave.

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BOHEMIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY LAYS DOWN

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ITS RULES

A conference took place at Banker Hajickek's offices last Friday, in which fundamental rules for conducting the business of the Bohemian Benevolent Association were discussed and adopted. Judge J. Z. Uhler presided; after some routine work was finished, Mr. John A. Cervenka, representing the committee for the setting up of regulations, made a report on meeting in which the following recommendations were made:

The creation of a committee of six empowered to investigate cases and grant requests for aid. The overhead expenses should never amount to more than 25 per cent of the gross income. The voucher system is to be introduced. A finance committee of three shall be created, whose duty it is to make a check on payments every three months. One director shall be placed in every district inhabited by Czechs, to receive requests and





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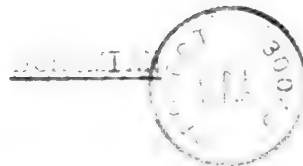
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to investigate cases.

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Close contact with the Bohemian Cemetery Association for the handling of death cases, was generally acknowledged as a matter of expediency.

A deficiency in the service in the County hospital was pointed out by Mr. Petru; Czech patients in the County hospital, if they do not speak English sufficiently, have no way of communicating with the attending personnel. The engagement of a Czech doctor or a nurse would ease matters. Mr. Petru was delegated to take the necessary steps toward this aim by consulting Mr. Mendl, one of the directors of the Bohemian Benevolent Society and at the same time a member of the Board of County Commissioners, which governs the hospital.



Denni Khasatel, June 26, 1910.

It is however, a sad fact, that many of our most well-to-do Bohemians have not yet applied for membership in the society and thus far, have not contributed a single penny to it, while on the other hand, their foremost duty should be to contribute their mark to the success of the society.

With that, the chairman ended his talk and immediately thereafter, the secretary read his report, which dealt with the activities of the society from the date of its inception. The Bohemian Charitable Society was organized on February 11, 1910, for the purpose of giving financial and moral aid to poor Bohemians. Certificate of Incorporation was issued, by the Secretary of State on the 24th of February. Sixteen persons were elected as a board of directors in the very beginning. Fourteen meetings have been held so far, and 142 persons applied for aid. Sixty of these were given assistance and thirty-two were referred to their county-agent. It should also be mentioned, that they were given aid there. Upon the recommendation of the society, six persons were admitted into the county hospital, five were admitted to the eye clinic, four were admitted to the poor-house, one was admitted to the Martha Washington Institute, and nine children were sent to the Orphanage.



Denni Hlasatel, June 26, 1910.

Seven persons secured work in the country through the influence of the society, while fifteen were given jobs in county buildings and twenty-one were given jobs in factories.

With the aid of the society, two people were buried in the Bohemian National Cemetery, one request for pension was arranged, in five cases Doctors acted free of charge, and medicines also were furnished free in seven cases.

The financial report of the society, which was read by the secretary was as follows: Total receipts were \$1,172, disbursements \$266.65, balance on hand \$905.35. The society has a total of 87 members who have deposited their contributions and 17 others who have made pledges. During its existence it has aided financially fifty-seven families.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 27, 1910.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

P.1, Col.4--Members of Pilsen Lodge No. 1, of the Bohemian American Union held an entertainment last Saturday in the hall of Mr. J. Bolek, on Blue Island Ave., and West 19th Street, in honor of their brother Joseph. Not only did they enjoy themselves immensely, but they crowned their entertainment with charity.

The proceeds of this affair netted the sum of \$10 and this money was divided, as follows; Old Peoples Home and Orphanage \$2, Vojta Kaprstek School \$2, Social Circle and Children's Nursery \$2, Sunday Schools \$2, and to the Havlicek fund \$2.

The money was deposited at the office of this newspaper and the authorized officials of these institutions will please call to make these withdrawals.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 24, 1910.

A PUBLIC CELEBRATION

The Public Celebration, held by the Associated "C. S. B. S." (Czechoslovak Benevolent Society) Lodges of the Grand-Lodge of Illinois, succeeds beyond expectation.

P. 1--Then a handful of enthusiastic Bohemians founded the first Czechoslovak Benevolent Society lodge, in St. Louis, in 1894, named "Slovak," they had not the slightest idea, that they had laid the foundation of a Union, which would become in the future the most powerful Bohemian organization in America. Just think of it! Today the "C. S. B. S." numbers 216 lodges with 24,000 members. This is an imposing figure, the more so, if we consider the many, often very dangerous and to other societies of this kind, ruinous crisis, which the Union had to pass through, since the date of its organization. Other societies failed, vanished completely, but the "C. S. B. S." resisted successfully all unfavorable periods and continued to grow, expand and become more powerful. The good that has been done by the "C. S. B. S.", the amount of work in the national field, in fact in the world field, can not be overlooked by any Bohemian or any man, whose mind is capable of recog-

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nizing good and noble work. Today we look upon the U. S. U. S., as the most powerful guardian of our Bohemianism in America, because it builds Bohemian schools for us, it endeavors to prevent our youth from denationalizing. It is perfectly natural, the Union does this also in its own interest, for we all know well, that our youth, if it becomes denationalized, is lost for us in every respect, spiritually and materially. Because the children of Bohemian parentage, as soon as they stop feeling Bohemian, become members of lodges of other nationalities, thereby giving them the strength which is needed by our own lodges. It is from a practical viewpoint, that the U. S. U. S. should see to the preservation of our youth for the Bohemian tongue.

Yesterday's public celebration, held by the U. S. U. S., in the school on 18th St., was, for us, only another proof of the love with which the members of the lodges cling to the Union. Never before have such crowds of people flocked to the school. The beginning of the celebration was set for 2 o'clock in the afternoon, but long before that, the hall was filled to capacity and those who thought they had plenty of time, if they came fifteen minutes later, discovered that they had been mistaken, and that there was no longer any room for them in the hall. We do not over estimate in the

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least, if we say, that there were about 1,500 persons in the hall. Seats were all taken and even the aisle space was filled. And still other crowds kept arriving, so that, when the aisles were filled, the committee could do nothing else, except close the doors. Several hundred people were forced to leave.

The program was so well arranged and so well carried through, that it would do honor to any academy holding a similar celebration.

The celebration was opened at 2 o'clock by the orchestra under the direction of Mr. Rudolph Rubringer. The public could not grow weary of the excellent music and showed its appreciation, with thunderous applause after each selection.

Mr. J. Janda, the chairman of the celebration committee, in an informal talk, welcomed the gathering, expressing his pleasure at the enormous attendance and explaining the purpose of the celebration. He, then, introduced Mr. John Pech, the chairman of the Grand-Lodge.

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Mr. Pech, spoke on the significance of the U. S. C. and mentioned at length last year's convention in Milwaukee. It was resolved, there, that lodges should endeavor to increase their membership, and many other beneficial motions were made and adopted. Chicago was looked upon, by the delegates at that convention, as the most powerful stronghold of the U. S. C., and for that reason, the office of the National Grand-Lodge was moved to Chicago. To be sure, Chicago must now prove, that, as heretofore, it will be a shining example to all others, in increasing the ranks of its members to such an extent as to be beyond comparison with other societies of this kind. For that reason this celebration was held. Also, the transfer of the National Offices to Chicago was celebrated. He urged the Brothers and sisters to always work for the good of the U. S. C.

The principal speaker was Mr. J. J. Kral, who spoke on the mission of the U. S. C. He introduced the mission of the U. S. C., in three parts namely: social, economic, and nationalistic. His speech was well thought out and the mission of the Union clearly indicated.

Yesterday's celebration had a very deep meaning not only for the Unity, but for our entire public.



Denni Hlasatel, June 2, 1908.

CELEBRATION OF PILSEN LODGE.

p. 1.. Last Sunday afternoon a large group of our countrymen gathered at the Bohemian-American Hall on West 18th Street, to attend the 9th annual celebration of Pilsen Lodge No. 80 "Cesko-Slovanska Jednota" (Czecho-Slovak Unity). A short meeting was held first, then the honorary and chartered members' sons were admitted into the lodge. They each received a ring with their birthstone in it.

During the introduction, the musicians played, the orchestra being conducted by Mr. Horna. Then Mr. Malik delivered a very impressive speech. A luncheon was then served, but before the lunch was served Mr. Hlavaty suggested that while everyone is about to partake in the luncheon, we should not forget the Old People's Home and the Bohemian Orphanage Asylum. At this suggestion, immediately a collection was taken up and the exact amount of \$9.00 was collected.

This was quite a coincidence: 9th annual celebration, 9 juveniles admitted into the lodge, and \$9.00 collected for these institutions. The Bohemians at any kind of an affair, always should remember to take up a collection.

Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 15, 1908.

FOR HAVLICEK'S MONUMENT.

p. 1, col. 6 - At the meeting of Bratri Miru, (Brothers of Peace) Lodge No. 207 C. S. P. S. "Cesko-Slovansky Podporujici Spolek," (Cecho-Slovakian Benevolent Association) of Temple, Texas, we are informed, that through a motion made and unanimously carried it was decided to make a donation by way of contributions among those who were able to give what ever amount they could spare towards the monument of Karel Havlicek. These were: Joseph Simek, J. H. Bartik, F. Motl, J. Sebesta, J. Motl, Joseph Capek and George Laboj. The amount collected was \$35.85 which was sent to the office of this newspaper and to be given to the proper authorized official for the dedication of Karel Havlicek's monument. Many thanks to these considerate donors.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 15, 1907.

UNANIMITY AMONG MUTUAL AID SOCIETIES.

p.2--The Czech United Mutual Aid Societies held their regular meeting last Sunday with R. Mulac presiding. The main purpose of the unification of these societies is the protection of the individual organizations against the various laws, being prepared by the State legislature now which are directed against the organizations and also the establishment of certain regulations, governing all the individual associations, which should prove beneficial to the individual depositor.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 29, 1906.

GRAND LODGE OF THE CZECHO-SLOVAK BENEVOLENT SOCIETY  
SETS GOOD EXAMPLE

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Czecho-Slovak Benevolent Society (Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky), Reverend Vacek Vanek enthusiastically explained the purpose of the Immigrant Home which he founded in Baltimore. He asked the Grand Lodge for contributions for the upkeep of the institution. The Reverend Vanek's request was not refused; such a request could never have been ignored by the men who are always among the first to contribute to any humanitarian cause. Ten dollars was donated for the benefit of the Immigrant Home, and in addition, all subordinate lodges will be urged to make generous contributions to the institution. We know, from past experiences, that it will be unnecessary to urge the lodges to assist in this beneficent cause. The Czecho-Slovak Benevolent Society Lodges have done much good; they have never wavered from their objective of giving aid, both moral and financial, wherever a need has been indicated.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 3, 1906.

OPEN MEETING OF THE C. S. P. S. (CZECHO-SLOVAK BENEVOLENT  
SOCIETIES) CROWNED WITH GREAT SUCCESS.

p.1--The Chicago lodges of the powerful C. S. P. S. organization held a public meeting on Sunday afternoon which in every respect revealed the dignity of this powerful national body.

The meeting was opened at 2 o'clock in the Bohemian-American School's hall on Eighteenth street with a welcoming address by Mr. Kristian Walleck, after which a richly varied program was presented, consisting of speeches, band music, and singing.

The principal speaker was Mr. A. Cejka, chairman of the national office of the C. S. P. S.

Dr. F. Iska, Mr. Novak, and others also spoke. Mr. R. Rubringer's orchestra, Miss Bessie Eggermayer, the Bohemian Working-men's Singing Society, and Mr. Sulz furnished the musical portion of the program with great success.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 3, 1906.

Mr. F. K. Novak received a well deserved reward at this meeting for securing the largest number of new members in this last year. The meeting was a grand affair and a real manifestation of the C. S. P. S.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 10, 1905.

CHICAGSKA J. C. D. (CHICAGO  
BOHEMIAN WOMEN'S UNITY).

p. 1, col. 6.. At the close of the year, it is with sincere pleasure that we follow the growth and influence of Ch. J. C. D. (Chicago Bohemian Women's Unity). This year was fortunate for our Unity, because it increased its membership satisfactorily; in fact the number of its members doubled, and the Unity today has almost as many lodges as it did at the height of its development. In addition to other benefits, the J. C. D. provides for its members a death benefit payment of \$300 which it pays within several weeks after the death of a member. Several new lodges were formed this year, the constitution was amended, certificates were introduced and much beneficial work was done, so that the J. C. D. today stands upon a good foundation and we hope that it will continue to grow in strength and ability to contribute to the welfare of its members and their descendants. The executive committee of the Chicago J. C. D. (Chicago Bohemian Women's Unity) wishes the best of success.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 23, 1904.

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[A GOOD MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY]

Not only among Bohemians, but also among other nationalities, people are seeking the cheapest life-insurance never the safest. The other day we read in a newspaper of another nationality a paragraph which closely applies to our conditions; therefore we wish to acquaint our readers with it. The article stated that people between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five years pay only forty five cents a month and those between twenty-five and thirty years pay fifty cents and for this, in the event of death, their families receive \$1,000.

There are many mutual societies which strive to gain members by low monthly dues. It is understood, that every person has the right to join any society that pleases him and whose conditions seem to him to be most advantageous. So far as we are concerned, we do not like to mix in these matters because we are often wrongly accused of evil intent by the various and their many members and it is really foolishness to make enemies unnecessarily. However, when a matter which influences the fate of hundreds of thousands of families is being dealt with, it is the duty of a newspaper to discuss the matter in a calm, impartial manner.



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It would be shameful not to do so just because some individuals do not like it. No insurance society- regardless whether it is a mutual or a stock company- can pay back to it's members more than they have paid in; to this may be added interest, but proper expenses must be deducted. Therefore if a person twenty-five years of age joins a society and pays fifty cents a month dues to the age of seventy-five years, he will have paid during that time a total of \$300. When proper expenses are deducted the society can hardly fulfill its agreements even if compound interest is added and consideration given to the fact that many members withdraw in the course of time. It is necessary to realize that very few people reach the age of seventy-five and that the increase from that source is insignificant. So far as the withdrawal of members from a society is concerned, experience shows that it is lowest in societies having low rates.

While the insured are young and only few of them die, everything goes well and new members apply plentifully; but when the insured age, and deaths increase, difficulties arise, assessments must be increased, and new members do not join, and wherever possible members leave the society.

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Many of these mutual insurance societies have been forced to disband for these reasons. The survivors of their deceased members were thrown into dire need because the societies were unable to pay the insurance money. The money paid into the society is a total loss and the former members are at an advanced age and can hardly be accepted for membership in a reliable insurance company and if they are accepted elsewhere must pay large premiums. Whoever wants to provide a sum of money for his loved ones after his death, must first of all make certain that the society under consideration can carry out it's promises. Whoever insures himself should see to it that he really is insured. The society that tries to pay back three times as much as it's receipts amount to, will not be able to carry out its agreements very long. Therefore it is better to pay a slightly higher premium to a complex which promises only that which it can perform.

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## REPORT OF C. S. P. S.

According to the last monthly report of the secretary of the C. S. P. S. (Czechoslovak Benevolent Society), Mr. Ant. Jurka, twenty brothers there have died since the last report. The lodges will pay benefits on fifteen of these cases and the Grand Lodge will take care of five cases out of surplus funds.

The lodges of the C. S. P. S. have a membership of 13,906 and 6730 insured wives. Of the deceased, six were from Chicago; six were from New York; four from Cleveland; one from Wilbur Nebraska; Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Cedar Rapids, Ia., and St. Louis, Mo.

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THE UNION OF FOUR NATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS INTO  
ONE BODY WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPLISHED.

Much has been said and written about how beneficial it would be if we were not broken up into so many small organizations, but create one large unit; efforts have been made, but until recently it seemed that all efforts were useless. However, it is now evident that the idea has gained ground among the membership of four of our units, and is hastening rapidly to an early realization, if no unforeseen obstacles crop up.

The organizations, which are earnestly considering plans for uniting, are Cesko-Americki Lesnici, (Bohemian American Foresters) Cesko-Slovansti Rytiri A Damy, (Czecho-Slovak Knights and Ladies) Cesko-Slovanka Bratraska Podporujici Jednoth, (Czecho Slovak Fraternal Benefit Association) and Taboriti (Laborites). Recently each of these organizations appointed three members to form a committee to consider, such a program of unification,

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This committee worked earnestly, held several meetings, considered various motions, and adopted a plan for the formation of a union of their respective organizations. The chief points of the plan are as follows:

1. Every member of the united organizations can be insured in the same amount as he now is.
2. Every member now, insured can continue to carry the same amount as his present total of insurance, in all of the said organizations. A joint Convention of the uniting organizations would determine the maximum amount of insurance permissible, and the member could then insure himself in several of the organizations in such **sums** as would approximate his previous insurance.
3. The joint convention would determine in what manner death were to be provided for. Either an assessment would be levied for each deceased member according to the amount of insurance carried, or would be levied according to need.

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4. Every member would enter into the same age classification as the one on the books of his present organization.
5. If the insured member belongs to more organizations, the age upon which he formerly paid would be taken as a guide for the scale: by averaging the assessments of the various organizations, and placing him into a new scale, which would come nearest to those he had been paying.
6. A member belonging to more than one organization can choose into which one he wishes to pay his assessments.

The benefits of such a union have been pointed out in our paper many times, all the members of the participating organization know them and are convinced.

Now it rests with the individual organizations to express themselves clearly regarding the work of the committee, and the plan they have developed.

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If the plan receives recognition and approval and we have no doubt it will, a joint meeting of the participating organizations will be called as soon as possible and every effort made to realize the creation of this union as speedily as possible.

This important work is being followed with the greatest interest, not only by the members of the participating units, but by the entire Bohemian public.

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THE C.S.P.S.(Czechoslovak Benevolent Society)  
LODGES OF ILLINOIS ELECT DELEGATES



The C.S.P.S. lodges will meet in convention in St. Louis during the first week of August next year, An election of delegates, who will represent the Illinois lodges at the convention, was held last night.

The election was carried out very strictly, careful attention being given, that only such delegates be elected, who it was certain would strive with all their power to pass every proposal tending toward the elevation of the welfare activities of the organization. It was for this reason that the elections dragged on into the late hours, it being almost 3 o'clock in the morning when the representatives of the Illinois lodges left the premises of the Bohemian-American Liberal School at 400 West 18th street, where the elections were held.

The elections were attended by representatives of forty-six Illinois lodges of C.S.P.S. and eighteen delegates to the convention were elected.



Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 5, 1903.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS  
(Of Bohemian Women's Union)



It has been a long time since the Bohemian-American Liberal School Hall entertained so large a gathering of the public as that of last night upon the occasion of the twenty-five year jubilee of Jed. Ces. Dam. The attendance was enormous, every seat was filled, it was almost impossible to move in the main hall and the gallery was packed. It is first of all necessary to preface a few words as to the origin of this so successful union.

This union was organized in Cleveland, on the 25th of September, 1870 at the summons of Mrs. Kar. Rychlik and Fr. Frankore. The first lodge was founded and carried the name of the celebrated Bohemian princess, Libuse. Eight years later a second lodge was organized under the name Ladislava lodge No. 2. These two lodges were then united to form the Jed. Ces. Dam. After that, there was organized rapidly lodge after lodge until now the union numbers 122 lodges,

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in which there are 12,000 members, certainly an imposing figure. The organization is, so far as Bohemian women are concerned, that largest in America, yes, even in Bohemia they can not boast of such an organization.

Yesterday's program was distinctively selected and carries out excellently.

It is self-evident, that the overwhelming majority of those in attendance were women, which is not strange, for it was their celebration.

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## AMENDMENT PERMITTED.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK KNIGHTS AND LADIES UNITY IS ALLOWED TO ACCEPT  
AS MEMBERS PERSONS OVER FIFTEEN  
YEARS OF AGE.

The State Superintendent of Insurance, in agreement with the States Attorney General, recognized as lawful and permitted the amendment of paragraph eight in the charter of the Czechoslovak Knights and Ladies Unity, according to which this benefit society now has the right to accept into its membership persons having reached the age of fifteen years. This is the first Bohemian benefit society to receive this right, and no doubt it will be welcomed by the entire Bohemian public, for it is the first death-blow against purpose less clubs, in which not only money is wasted by our youth but what is more important they degenerate both morally and physically. Now they can become members of the growing Unity of Czechoslovak Knights, where as was resolved in amended laws they can be insured for \$250 for the insignificant sum of thirteen cents as assessments, and when they reach the age of eighteen years, they can increase their insurance to either \$500 or \$1000.



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There is no doubt that our Bohemian parents will insure their children's lives in the Bohemian society in preference to placing it with insurance companies of other nationalities. Not only is the cost of insurance in the Czechoslovak Unity smaller, monthly it amounts to twenty-six cents, but the principal sum \$250 is larger, where as with most other insurance companies the sum is \$175 at a cost of forty cents per month. These young members can form separate lodges or join those already existing.

This change is of the greatest importance, because the children of Bohemian parents will become identified with Bohemian unity; and growing accustomed to it, will remain as members after they have matured; thereby replenishing it's ranks, which are being thinned by death and the grave. Then they will not give preference to foreign societies, from which they may be forced to resign in later years because of high assessments, if the organizations do not actually dissolve.

The benefits which this change affords to the younger generation will surely receive the attention it deserves, and many, we hope will join in order to receive to benefits.

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ANNOUNCEMENT  
FORMATION OF YOUNG PEOPLES CLUB



We take the privilege of announcing to the honorable public and especially to the families and members of the "C.S.P.S." (Czechoslovak Benevolent Society) that there is being organized a new club, which will become a part of C.S.P.S. Members are being accepted between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five years for a one dollar initiation fee. Sons of members of C.S.P.S. are admitted without initiation fees. Members may insure for either \$500.00 or \$1000.00.

The death benefit assessment on \$500.00 is four cents, on \$1000.00 it is eight cents.

We recognize the need for the organization of such a youth order for young members do not like to become members among older people, because they feel lost among them.



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No well behaved youth should miss this opportunity to become a member of such a strong organization as the tried and proven Union of Czechoslovak Benevolent Societies. This Union is the boast of Bohemian-Americans. It is the best and most reasonably managed. It has proven itself for the past forty-eight years to be the most honorable.

We sincerely hope the members of the C.S.P.S. will bring their sons to this club.

The first club meeting will be held on Jan. 4, 1903, in the Bohemian-English Liberal School, at 400 West 18th. street.

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CONSTITUTION AMENDED  
UNION OF CZECHO-SLOVAK KNIGHTS AND LADIES ENDED  
THEIR MEETING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THEIR CONSTITUTION

After an all day and a long evening session the representatives of the lodges of the Czecho-Slovak Knights and Ladies ended a joint meeting which was held for the purpose of amending the constitution. The work which they accomplished will have a far reaching effect on the further progress of this flourishing society. Laws subjected were amended as follows: A special scale of rates was formulated for a new classification in which insurance to the amount of \$250.00 can be obtained. In this classification can be insured not only all young persons from fifteen to eighteen years of age, for whom new lodges will be created, but also older persons up to fifty years of age.

Persons from forty-five to fifty years of age cannot in the future be insured for more than \$250.00 or \$500.00.



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Proof of age will be required of all persons thirty-five years or older and from younger persons if their appearance creates any doubt as to their age.



The number of medical examiners, who are to examine candidates proposed for membership, is governed by the National Society.

Certificate of Membership must be written, whenever a member transfers from one lodge to another or whenever a member changes her name by marriage not later than sixty days following transfer or marriage.

It was decided, that every lodge in the Union must have by-laws. The by-laws are to be in conformity with the Constitution as amended and are to be formulated by a committee of nine members. The National Lodge will approve them when they are presented. This committee will amend and work-out a Ritual Manual.



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The amended constitution becomes effective on April 1, 1903. The Directors are authorized to have them printed and to seek bids for 4000 copies.



It was resolved that for the next four years, the headquarters of the National Society shall be in Chicago and at the expiration of that period, the first convention of representatives is to be held there.

With that the program of the meeting was exhausted and after chairman F. A. Dostal, thanked the assembly for its impartial proceedings, the meeting was declared adjourned.

MINUTES OF CZECHO-SLOVAK BENEVOLENT SOCIETY PATRONAGE  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 1902.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Ant. Hemzacek. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The Bank announced by letter that it had taken insurance for the building in the amount of \$15,000. It also stated that if more funds were required, it would advance them. Frank Pavlicek the surveyor announced a donation of \$10 to be deducted from his bill for \$38. The communication was accepted, the account ordered paid and the gift accepted with thanks. The building committee announces that it has ordered a heating system with all necessary equipment for \$1,075 further it also arranged for tin plate for the ceiling at \$525. The matter of Electricity for the lighting system was postponed indefinitely. A motion was made and approved, that the old building be whitewashed, the matter being turned over to the building committee. The following contracts have been awarded thus far: Brick laying to Layer, for \$5,200; Carpenter work to Matovsek, for \$4,075; Painting to Hajek, for \$344; Ironwork to Kryl for \$2,640; Water installation to Machalycky, for \$1,250; Sewers to Eichmann, for \$125; Stone masonry to Susmilich, for \$1,445; Cabinet work to Miller, for \$1,800;

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Cornice-work, to Brom for \$524; Plastering to Sleichert, for \$715. Further estimates have not been received. Written by Vojtech Cerny, Secretary.

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[THE UNIFICATION OF THE MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES]

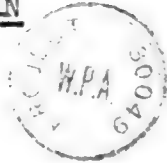
The following is for the consideration of all Bohemian Lodges, especially the Grand Lodges.

Representatives of lodges, enthusiastic for the uniting of all Bohemian-American benevolent societies, have been gathering in meetings to discuss ways and means, on the basis of which the desired alliance, beneficial not only to our national life, but also from a financial viewpoint, could be accomplished.

There are many Bohemian societies, not only in Chicago, but scattered throughout the entire union, which are favorable to the idea of an alliance, recognizing that in union there is strength.

But the various steps taken thus far to unite all benevolent societies have proven to be useless, for they always have ended with a simple wish but no decisive move. If good will was not lacking then courage was missing, in spite of the fact that many benevolent societies had a large majority of their membership voted to unite themselves to effect an actual alliance.





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Therefore, we take this method of asking the various benevolent societies to discuss this important question in their meetings, so as to decide according to their best ability, as to the benefits to be derived from such a course, and to unite on some final resolution, the result of which they should not forget to send, for only in this manner can any decisive step be taken.

The various Grand Lodges ought to accept the question of uniting as their own and discuss it jointly. For this purpose we are calling them to a joint meeting to be held Saturday, July 20th, in the hall of the Bohemian-American Liberal School, on Eighteenth Street.

This meeting should be attended by all representatives also.

It is our intention to leave the question with the Grand Lodges for discussion. They will then either recommend its adoption to their subordinate units or reject it themselves. In this way the final settlement of the question of an alliance will be accomplished, and in 1902 we will either be celebrating the



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union of all benevolent societies, or having rejected this beneficent and important question to Bohemians, we will prove, that vanity has held us back and that we are doomed - even though we are brother-countrymen - to suffer further the burden of excessive payments. Either we will celebrate, - this depends upon the decision of the Grand Lodges and Grand Councils - like Bohemian-Americans, united under a free flag, or we will remain broken into small units, striving to overcome one another.

None of the officers of the main bodies, and none of the representatives should neglect to attend the meeting. The proceedings will be very important. The executive officers of the Grand Lodges ought to consider the question of unification impartially, and come to the meeting with a definite and practical motion, by which the entire movement would take on a different aspect.

The various extolling of individual lodges above others in such a grave event, should finally cease. Let not the officers of the Grand Lodges think that this

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or that lodge should have precedence, or something of that kind. The main purpose of all our benevolent societies is to pay death benefits to the surviving legal or appointed heirs, for the smallest dues possible. It is evident that the more members a benevolent society has the smaller are the monthly dues paid. Therefore, it is a matter of business, if in practical America we consider dues as the prime factor in our entire proceedings, which demand that the unification of all our benevolent societies be accomplished. In addition to that, consideration should be given to the fact that through the unification of the lodges our countrymen, as members belonging to them, would become one great family, whose strength and power would be recognized in all its undertakings for the benefit of our nationals, our national life and our children.

Our main object is to bring the various benevolent societies into one whole. As to how such unification could best be accomplished, it is still impossible to say. However, in our opinion, there are only two methods by which this could be done without any great hardship. Either the societies would combine

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themselves into one large societ or they would, (and this seems more appropriate) form a federation, whereby each societ; would retain its full independence simply by paying dues for a joint death benefit. Of course with such a large number of members, dues would be negligible; this is what we are chiefly trying to accomplish. There are some benefit societies which require quite large death benefit dues of their members.

By uniting we would have more strength to build and maintain our schools; our youth, downtrodden Cinderellas, should be educated to fill the places of those who have gone to the place from which there is no return.

Unification would make possible the accomplishment of many beneficial undertakings, which we are forgetting at present, or which we do not care about, fearful of the blackening, baiting and trouble to which our celebrated pigeon judgement usually leads.

However, if we could, once and for all, discard these old prejudices and realize that we have enough sense so that we c n mutually benefit if we wish,



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as in a nationalistic sense so in a business sense, much would be gained thereby. Under conditions such as prevail at present in our benevolent societies, the members care little about the society to which they belong for they do not appreciate it and when they are expelled from a society they go to another for they are received with open arms. Through unification all this would cease. Many are concerned about the name which the united organization would adopt, fearful lest the name of the society to which they belong be lost. However this is just as insignificant as the loss of dignity, for which so many in our societies yearn. A name which would be satisfactory to all could easily be found.

The advantages and importance of uniting the benefit societies overshadows all such insignificant objections.

Do not fail to be present at the meeting on July 20th, all of you, especially the representatives of the Grand Lodges and Supreme Councils, so that they can once and for all make known their opinion on the question of unification.

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Absence will speak for itself and will be understood as an indication of non-endorsement.

Out of town benevolent societies are requested to express their views and opinions regarding the unification by forwarding a letter.

With a hope that this meeting shall meet with success, we remain - Tomas Polivka, Chairman; Karel Musil, Secretary; of the Committee for the Unification of Bohemian Societies.

Address all correspondence to the Secretary, K. Musil, 615 Loomis Street.



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Svornost, March 16, 1896.

### NEW LADIES SOCIETY.

Taking as example the Bohemian-Slovak Mutual Aid Fraternity, there has originated in Chicago a "Ladies' Beneficiary Organization Mutual Aid Sorority". During its short existence the results obtained have proved the necessity and benefits of this organization. At yesterday's meeting many new zealous lady members joined the society. This new unit is known under the name of "Ctilada" and is the 13th in the organized sororities. At present, there are 39 members.

Svornost, Feb. 15, 1896.

[A NEW LADIES' CLUB ORGANIZED]

A new club Jednota Ceskich Dam-Society of Bohemian Ladies has been organized lately in Mr. Chuvan's Hall, Lincoln St. and Yeaton Ave.

All persons who wish to be members between the ages of 18 and 45 should apply to the following members--Mrs. Christine Honomichlov, 135 Bunkor Street or Mrs. A. Geringeror, 150 W. 12 St. The next meeting is Sunday, February 16th at 2 P.M. At this time new members can apply.



Svornost, April 12, 1884.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
C. S. P. S. (Czecho-Slovak Benevolent Societies)

We have just received the financial report of the Czechoslovak Benevolent Societies for the last six months, ending Dec. 31st. This report was arranged by the executive national committee very accurately, and carefully, and is very instructive to everybody.

Ninety-nine societies accounted for themselves in this past year's report. A few new societies have been organized since then. The total number of members in the new plus the old societies amount to 5,540 members. There is \$113,475 in the collective treasury. In the last six months \$6,707 has been paid out for sick benefits to members; death policies, \$15,676; death policies for the death of members' wives, \$4,179. Other items such as the number of new members initiated in the last six months show exactly how remarkably the fraternities are growing, and what great hopes they may have for the future in case they will stay true to their cause and harmoniously fulfill their duties.

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Svornost, October 25, 1883

LIKE A GOOD BOHEMIAN - ROMAN



Vaclav Burian has joined as a member of the "Bohemian-Roman-Catholic Society" of the parish of Saint Prokop. This organization was founded, last April, as a supporting society, securing to its members sick benefit, and insurance in case of death. Burian was paying his dues and fulfilled his obligations as ever, good Bohemian-Roman should do. He caught a cold, which affected his lungs, in time, and made him feel worse. For a short time he received from the Catholics a benefit of \$5.00 a week; when they found out that his ailment was of longer duration, it was decided that they did not need him any more.

He was accused of quarreling with the wife of another member and being absent from the meeting, he was simply thrown out of the society. Now Vaclav Burian is asking in the Court a mandamus against the "Bohemian Roman Catholic Society", the reinstatement as member of the brotherhood, and the \$5. weekly sick benefit continuously until he is cured.

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"C.S.P.S." Convention. Sixth Day.

There was nothing of much interest to the public during the morning session. After a short recess, part of the secretaries was fixed at 11:00. There came the election of a Chairman of the National Grand Lodge. The following brothers were candidates for the office: Svojsce, Bunata, and Jurka. The result on the third ballot was Svojsce-22; Bunata-15.

The results of the election of Treasurer were Klobass-33; Much-10.

**Milwaukee** was decided on as the next Convention site on the third ballot with the vote as follows: for Wisconsin 31 votes, for New York, 27.

Therefore the next convention will be held in **Milwaukee** three years hence. Bro. A. Novak thanked the delegates in a short address in behalf of the Wisconsin Lodges.

The afternoon session came to order at 1:30 P.M. and debate was started in reference to the designation of an official Organ. Bro. Popelik moves in favor of the "Dennice Novoveku" (Modern Morning Star); Bro. Rosicky moves





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tart a special publication be organized and spoke at length in behalf of his motion. Bros. Zbornik, Kohn, Rychlik, Vytlačil, Sprosty, Sestak, Vojitsek and Jandus all spoke warmly in favor of the Morning Star, which was accepted unanimously. Therefore the Morning Star is the official organ of the "C.S.P.S." for the ensuing three years. The manager Bro. Snajdr thanked the convention and the proceedings advanced to the receiving of committee reports.

1st Committee: report on the duties of both Secretaries was accepted with a slight addition by Br. Novak.

2nd Committee: Bohemian associations and lodges in existence prior to this convention, having in their midst members over 45 years of age, will be admitted to membership in this organization under the following regulations:

(a) Members who have not passed fifty years in age and who were accepted before they were 45 years old into their respective lodges will receive full benefits as allowed by the union of the C.S.P.S.





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(b) Those members between 50 and 55 years of age who have been members for at least five years will be entitled to only one-half benefit in the event of death, but they are required to pay full assessments.

(c) Members, over 55 years of age do not receive any benefits whatever nor are they required to pay death-benefit assessments.

(d) Members, who joined our organization, in accordance with previous regulations, since our last convention, and who have not yet passed 50 years in age are entitled to full benefits. Members between 50 and 55 years are entitled only to half benefits.

(e) Members accepted in accordance with these resolutions are not entitled to such benefits as this organization pays to a deceased member's widow, even though they pay the required assessments. In order to avoid any confusion in this matter, such members should be required to sign a proper renunciation of these benefits.

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3rd Committee: (Degrees) Resolved on 7 degrees, and referred to the National Grand Lodge Committee to work out details.

Individual delegates began to seek permission to leave for home.

The convention was brought to a close with a motion that the delegates meet informally. There was about a half hours speechmaking after which the members dispersed to meet again to ratify the minutes of the last days session on Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

In Sunday's meeting the minutes were accepted with a few minor corrections and the convention adjourned sine die.

Svornost, June 26, 1880

"C.S.P.S." Convention. Fifth Day.



### INCREASE OF DEATH BENEFIT

At 7:30 A.M. yesterday, for the fifth time, an all day session of the delegates of the C.S.P.S. (Czechoslovak Benefit Association) was brought to order. The most important accomplishment of the morning session was the adoption of the resolution, that benefit payment in the event of death of a brother member shall be \$750.00 hereafter, instead of \$650.00 as previously. There was considerable discussion on the matter before the resolution was adopted. It was also decided to leave the management of the reserve funds in the control of the individual lodges.

During the afternoon session discussion of Section 14- Paragraph 1, of the Constitution, dealing with the admittance of lodges having members past 45 years in age, was continued. Because of the importance of this paragraph the matter was referred to a committee composed of one member from each State.

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Should some lodge find it necessary to change some part of the Constitution, it will secure the agreement of three others in different States, in which there are lodges. Such correction shall, after due consideration and acknowledgement of the importance of its principles, be sent to all lodges for decision.

The voting to be carried out in the same manner as at the convention, that is: one vote for each 25 members. If the amendments be accepted by two-thirds of the entire vote it shall then be in force. All voting to be carried on in a regular meeting of each lodge.

The convention then took up the amendments to the laws of the National Grand Lodge, which took up the whole afternoon. The convention adjourned at 6:30 P.M. to resume at 7:00 A.M. Saturday.

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Svornost, June 25, 1880

"C.S.P.S." Convention. 4th Day.

The fourth day's session of the C.S.P.S. convention was notable chiefly for the setting up of benefits to members in the event of death of their wives.

During the afternoon session there developed a furious debate in reference to benefits to members whose wives pass away. Amendments proposed by individual lodges were referred to special committees for consideration. Majority and minority reports were given but neither was approved. Then there was a lengthy discussion as to whether or not a member, upon the death of his spouse, should receive five cents from each member or whether the benefits should be arranged by each lodge individually. The following motions came up: A motion for the payment of \$200.00 was rejected. A motion to pass the matter down to the individual States, was rejected. A motion for the payment of \$100.00 was rejected. There on Bro. Bunata's move for a reconsideration of the majority report, that is that five cents be paid by each member, this was finally accepted. Therefore in the event of the death of a wife, the member will be paid approximately \$150.00 by the Brotherhood.

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Further proceedings were of no interest to the general public and after it was decided to call the next session at 7:30 A. M. on Friday; today's session adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

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"C.S.P.S." Convention. 3rd Day



There was nothing much that would be of interest to the general public in yesterday's session of the C.S.P.S. convention.

Shortly after one o'clock the delegates attended the funeral of Bro. Jos. Vatik, of #222 West 19th Street, and in the evening for the most part, they attended a theatrical performance, given in the honor of them, by the (Reading Club) "Ctenarsky Spolek".

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"C.S.P.S." Convention 2nd Day.



The session was called to order at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning by Bro. Rychlik of Cleveland as presiding officer. Credentials of the Nebraska delegation, which had just arrived, were accepted. The report of the committee on credentials was read and accepted. The report of the committee on rules was likewise accepted after a slight amendment, which directed that motions likely to prolong the proceedings unnecessarily should be referred to special committees.

The proceedings then advanced to the election of officers and the following were selected: Chairman, Bro. Jos. Svojse; Supervisor, Bro. Jan Tosicky; Secretaries, Bros. A.V. Miksicek and K. Drabek; Guides, Bros. Jan. Klinka and Rudolf Jandus; Guard, Bro. V. Para.

The new officers then took their respective places. Bro. Chairman Josef Svojse thanked the retiring chairman Bro. V. Rychlik and at 10:30 recessed the convention for 15 minutes, at 10:45 the proceedings were resumed.





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Next in order was the reading of the minutes of 1878 convention, which were accepted as read. The report of the office of the National Grand Lodge, as well as the financial report, were read and accepted. The National Grand Sec. Bro. A. Klobasa, was thanked for the excellent work performed by him during his term of office.

The convention was then adjourned until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

During the afternoon session the amendment of the constitution was undertaken. The motion to make citizenship a compulsory requisite for membership was defeated. Further amendments of public importance are missing. The Session was closed at 6:00 o'clock.



Svornost, June 22, 1960

CONVENTION OF THE "C.S.P.S." (CZECHO-SLOVAK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION)

The convention of the fraternal brotherhood, the "C.S.P.S." (Czecho-Slovak Benevolent Association) was brought to order by Brother Robt. Pitte, yesterday morning, with hearty welcome to the visiting delegates from all the cities where the C.S.P.S. has its branches.

Then came roll-call and the presentation of credentials by the delegates. The chairman's gavel was turned over to Brother Michlik, of Cleveland, the retiring chairman of the National Grand Lodge. The new chairman expressed the thanks of those present to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for the work and time it devoted to seeing the arrangements for this convention. After a short welcoming address by Brother Pitte, the convention proceeded to administer the third degree to those Brothers not previously so honored.

Next in the order of proceedings was the election of committees, namely two. (1) A committee to examine the credentials of delegates. (2) A committee to work out rules of procedure for the daily order of business. These committees were composed of one delegate from each State.



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On the first committee representing the State of Missouri is Bro. Klobasa, Ohio.--Bro. Vanec, Illinois.--Bro. Drabek, Michigan.--Bro. Kinsky, Minnesota.--Bro. Jurka, New York.--Bro. Vojtisek, Massachusetts.--Bro. Vojtisek, Pennsylvania.--Bro. A. Kovak, Iowa.

The second committee was as follows: Illinois--Bro. Svojse; Missouri--Bro. Miksicek,; Ohio--Bro. Zbornik; New York--Bro. Bunata; Pennsylvania--Bro. Popelik; Michigan--Bro. Zbornik; Minnesota--Bro. Jurka, Wisconsin--Bro. Prosen; Massachusetts--Bro. Bunata; Iowa--Bro. Kovak; Maryland--Bro. Svotse.

A motion to have a committee decide who shall be officers was defeated and the delegates elected officers from their midst. A further motion was made, that all delegates who have had the third degree conferred on them should, as guests of the convention, be assigned to their seats in the convention hall, after which the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

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Svornost, December 21st, 1878.

**NEW LODGE ORGANIZED**

A new lodge was founded in our city under the name of "Cesko Slovansky Podpor-  
vjici Obcansky Rad Cislo I. (Czechoslovak Benefit Citizens Lodge No. I.)

The objectives of this new organization are to have our country-men to seek to become naturalized citizens and the mutual benefit of its members. Any one who has been a member for six months or longer shall be entitled to sick-benefit payments of \$5.00 weekly and in the event of death, the heirs shall be paid the sum of \$600.00 within 36 days.



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SVORNOST, Chicago, November 26th, 1878.

[BENEFIT DANCE GIVEN BY VLASTA]

The dance given by "Vlasta" (Women's Society) last Saturday was a grand National entertainment, which not only afforded pleasure to the guests but was a great success in all respects. The Hall-room was beautifully decorated and upon the stage stood a beautiful floral piece. The ladies themselves waited on the guests besides performing all official and committee duties. Between dancing there was speaking and singing. The prologue was delivered by the President of "Vlasta," Mrs. B. Pitt.

The entertainment continued until morning. The ladies of this new lodge have been before the public twice now. The first time in collecting clothing for our poor unfortunate countrymen out West, who were burned out by the Indians and now the second time with their Ball.

They are generally recognized by the entire community and we hope that after this successful beginning they will continue to labor in their hereditary national role.



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Svornost, Sept. 30, 1878, Chicago.



SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF CENTRAL BOHEMIAN CATHOLIC UNION

The Central Bohemian Catholic Union has in the past few days held its second annual convention. The convention was brought to a close with a celebration yesterday.

Catholic Benevolent Societies met at 2:00 P. M. yesterday at the corner of De koven and Desplaines Streets. After parading through several streets, the procession returned to hold a meeting in the Bohemian American Sokol Hall.

The gathering was welcomed with an address by Mr. Roubik. The Singing Club, sang several numbers, after which Mr. P. Suchy of Milwaukee delivered an address. The band played "Hej Slovane" (Hello Slav) and Mr. Kalal closed the afternoon session with a short talk.

In the evening an entertainment was held in honor of the visiting delegations. The Central Bohemian Catholic Union consists of 19 Benevolent Lodges having a membership of 1415 which shows an increase of 500 members over a year ago.

Svornost, Chicago, September 11th, 1878.

[WORKINGMEN'S ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED]

Delnický Podporující, a Politický Sbor "Pokrok" (Workingmen's Benevolent and Political Association "Progress") elected the following officers: J. Sedlace, President; Vac. Rozsípál, Vice President, Anton Fiala, Secretary; J. Jiráň, Accountant; Frant. Krejčí, Treasurer. Managing Committee, Michal and Páml. Agent Votapek- All correspondence pertaining to the Association should be addressed to

Anton Fiala  
7 Nutt Court, Chicago.





Svornost, Chicago, August 7th, 1878.

[SLOVAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS]

The Bohemian National Benevolent Society "Slovan" held its semi-annual meeting August 4th, at which time the following named were elected to hold office for the next six months: Mikulas Locina, President; Tomos Cap, Vice President; Jan Cervený, Secretary; Jos. Hajic, Accountant, Josee Hodoval, Treasurer; Vilem Stiks, Color-guard; Martin Hajic, Commissioner. All mail matter addressed to the Society should be sent care of

Jan Cervený, 22 Butler Street, Chicago,



Svornost, Aug. 7, 1878.

[BENEVOLENT SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS]

The results of the elections of officers of Radu Vernost C. Vlll C. S. P. S. (Vernost Lodge No. 8 Czecho-Slovak Benevolent Society) are as follows:- Jiri Sindelar, President; Vacl. Capouch, Inspector, Vict. Sebelik, Secretary; Celestian Hurt, Accountant; Vaclav Slapak, Treasurer; Fr. Krejci, Guide; Vaclav Sticha, Inside Guard; Jos. Brabec, Outside Guard. All correspondence pertaining to the lodge should be sent to Victor Sebelik, 19 Mc Mullen Court, Chicago.



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[DELEGATES TO CZECH-SLOVAK CONVENTION LEAVE TONIGHT]

Representatives of local lodges of the Czecho-Slovak Benevolent Association will leave this week to attend their convention, which is being held in Cleveland.



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p. 7 - col. 5.. The Bohemian people have established an organization which should be of interest to all Bohemian home owners. It will be conducted by prominent Bohemians. Those who are interested and would like to join may do so by attending the next meeting.

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VOX POPULI VOX DEI

The storms of the last war and all the later tragic events in our national life have, in a large measure, caused the annihilation of every great national enthusiasm and self-sacrifice, the two beautiful virtues of which our Bohemian-Chicago was so proud. This fact is known to everyone who was interested in the spiritual life of our Czechoslovak colony in this metropolis, though many optimists could be found who regarded this phase of our life as the logical outcome of postwar slackening and fatigue, or merely a transition from one period to another. Well, these purported connoisseurs of our people suffered a great defeat yesterday in the public meeting which was called by the trustees of the Spolek Pro Postaveni Cesko-Americke Nemocnice (Society for the Erection of a Bohemian-American Hospital). It was in this meeting, we are sorry to say, that those avowed optimists received their coup de grace. The entire public meeting which, as announced by our papers, was to be held in the Pilsen Park pavilion, consisted of twenty-seven people inclusive of the managing committee, the board

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of trustees, and other officers, and two newspaper reporters. It was a sad public mass meeting and one which was to decide the fate of such a humane and important an institution as a hospital undoubtedly is....

It was shortly after 9 P. M. when the painful silence was finally interrupted by the gavel of the president, Mr. John A. Cervenka. He opened the meeting by a brief address explaining the purposes which led to the calling of this meeting and expressed his disappointment in its meager attendance. Dr. Neumann, as secretary of the Spolek, then read a brief survey of the activities of the organization from its inception on April 11, 1913 to April 13, 1922. This survey was as follows:

The day of April 11, 1913 marks the beginning of our organization, for on that day the Spolek was organized in a public meeting held in the Pilsen Park pavilion. This took place after a great many conferences with the Spolek Ceskych Lekaru (Bohemian Medical Society) which latter organization believed that a Bohemian hospital was necessary in Chicago. Immediately following that

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meeting, a board of trustees was elected. That body was organized on April 17, 1913 and consisted of Mr. John A. Cervenka, president; Dr. L. Fischer, secretary; Mr. Frank G. Hajicek, treasurer. When Dr. Fischer later resigned, Dr. Karel Neumann was elected in his place. In the beginning there were fifteen trustees, but their number was increased to twenty-one shortly after. At present the board consists of the following: Messrs. Stanislav J. Loula, John J. Chvatal, B. O. Bouse, Anton Pergler, James Dibelka, Josef Bolek, Edvard J. Kvidera, Josef A. Holpuch, Doctors J. Zabokrtsky, F. Fara, J. F. Chvatal, O. S. Pavlik; and J. P. Pecival; also the following ladies: Mesdames K. Machek and Frantiska Schejbal, Doctors F. A. Ringer, M. Schmidt, and P. R. Kapsa.

The board of trustees, immediately after becoming organized, began to collect monetary contributions for the hospital, and its efforts met with splendid successes. After a short time there was enough money with which to purchase a building situated at 1424 South Albany Avenue and the extensive property adjoining it for the sum of \$23,000. The mortgage was paid within two years, an



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accomplishment that was made possible by the publication and sale of a directory of the Ceske Narodni Sdruzeni (Bohemian National Alliance). From this latter source alone \$3,500 was netted.

Originally it was believed that the purchased property would serve for a hospital building and that annexes could be built if necessary. All details were studied, plans were prepared, and everything could have been brought to a successful finish had not the unfortunate World War broken out. It was decided in the interest of the Ceske Narodni Sdruzeni, on January 28, 1916, to stop all contributions to the hospital with an idea of resuming collections at a more favorable time. From that date, then, no further collections were attempted, but the board continued to meet and expedite certain necessary matters. In order that the purchased property might bring some profits, it was rented to an athletic club. But since difficulties arose and repairs were made necessary which caused a great deal of expense, and since the taxes, too, were inordinately high, it was thought advantageous to sell the property in question. All former plans were

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then rendered impossible because conditions have changed in the meantime. It was decided, therefore, that it would be better to have ready cash which could be deposited in some bank and bring interest. The board unanimously approved the sale of the property, and after a protracted dealing it was sold on March 31, 1922 to the Jewish Day and Night Nursery, and the treasury of the Spolek thus gained the net sum of \$26,647. In that manner, about \$3,500 was earned, and the treasury now has the sum of \$30,002.16.

The board had its last meeting on April 13, 1922....In that meeting it was decided to call a public meeting of the Czech people of Chicago who would decide the fate of the hospital project.

The reading of the survey was accepted, and the treasurer of the Spolek, Mr. Frank G. Hajicek, presented the financial report on the life of the Spolek from April 11, 1913 to April 27, 1922. Here follows a detailed account of all moneys received, and disbursed. The sum which remains in the treasury is

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\$30,002.16.] The treasurer's report was approved after a lengthy debate as to what steps are to be taken in the future. Mr. J. J. Jelinek discussed the present conditions and their possibilities....and believed that some charitable person or persons could be found who would contribute to a cause so humanitarian as a hospital. He moved that new plans and estimates be made for the building of it. The president then explained that it was the original intention to have thirty-five beds in the hospital, but after a consultation with Bohemian physicians it was found that a hospital having less than seventy beds would not be a paying proposition. The members of the board, after having considered the expert opinions of the doctors, looked about for some source of income which would make the financing of such a hospital possible....They have appealed to the Sbor Narodniho Hrbítova (Bohemian National Cemetery Association), offering bonds for sale in behalf of the hospital. The results were so negative that they lost all desire to pursue such or similar attempts....

The next speaker, Dr. Pecival, was of the opinion that our countrymen are able

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to take good care of their dead ones, but that, also, they care little about their live ones. He mentioned some of our old and well-known vices which are ruinous to all the good which was accomplished. He suggests that the collection of the necessary amount be intrusted to some campaign company which would raise the needed money for a consideration....The president did not favor this idea and claimed that such companies are in fact professional beggars who would not be satisfied with a profit of less than forty to sixty per cent. He said that he gave much thought to the problem and decided that it would be best to secure the services of some capable financial expert who could try to raise the needed money by means of a bond issue. It would certainly be worth trying, and he hoped that the necessary sum could be raised in one year. Others, who attended this meeting, were of like opinion and among those who regarded the president's suggestion favorably were Messrs. Bolek, Laadt, and others.

Mr. Laadt took this occasion to excuse the absence of Mr. Karel J. Vopicka whose opinion, he said, he was obliged to express in this meeting. The opinion of

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Mr. Vopicka is the following: Mr. Vopicka favored the building of a Bohemian hospital, but in case the project be found impossible, he suggested that all the money be equally divided among our charitable institutions. Mr. Vopicka's suggestion, however, did not find agreement among the men attending this meeting. Smaller sums could be contributed to the said institutions but the larger sums would have to be returned to the original donors. This was also the opinion of the president and Mr. Frank G. Hajicek. Finally, at a motion of Dr. Fara it was decided to accept the original motion and to float a bond issue of about \$200,000. This motion was carried unanimously. By that decision the board also received its new term of life and a purpose for further activity.

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A PROCLAMATION TO THE BOHEMIAN PEOPLE OF  
CHICAGO BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
BOHEMIAN-AMERICAN HOSPITAL

The trustees of the projected Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) have called a public meeting for next Thursday in the pavilion of the Pilsen Brewery Company. The purpose of this meeting is to give a report of the sale of the hospital property on Albany Avenue and 14th Street. The trustees will also report on all other moneys held in trust for the Nemocnice.

All those who have contributed so generously to the building of the projected hospital, and who are interested in its further progress should attend this meeting and bring their friends with them. It is also imperative that all those who are intimately acquainted with the present building conditions and costs of equipping institutions of this kind attend the meeting so that their

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counsels, suggestions, proposals, and advices may be heard; and that their expert knowledge may be utilized in the future development of the hospital in question. Officers of the board are: Dr. Karel Neumann, secretary; Mr. Jan A. Cervenka, president; Mr. Frank G. Hajicek, treasurer.

What the decision of the board will be it is difficult to say, but we may assume that numerous countrymen of ours, especially those who contributed to the project, will come to the meeting and give their opinions as to what steps are to be taken. The board of trustees, after selling the old hospital property, holds \$30,000 in trust, and our people are requested to express their views as to what is to be done with the money. The question is: Should this money be used for the building of the projected hospital or devoted to some other cause? The views differ, of course, but one view which seems to prevail is that it will be very difficult to arouse new and sufficient interest for securing more funds for a project so difficult and expensive as the building and equipping a modern hospital. Since the funds could be realized only by

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means of collections or similar methods, it would take a long time to accomplish such a project. It is held under these circumstances it would be wiser to divide the sum which is kept in trust, and make contributions to the already existing benevolent and charitable institutions, such as the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) and the Sirotcinec Svateho Josefa V. Lisle (St. Joseph's Orphanage of Lisle, Illinois). These institutions, which are constantly pressed for more funds, would thus profit by it, and the action would surely find the approval of our Bohemian people.

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THE BUILDING OF THE BOHEMIAN-AMERICAN  
HOSPITAL SOLD AT A PROFIT

The office of the Pilsen Brewery Company witnessed a meeting last night which decided the fate of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital). The meeting, which was attended by the trustees of the Bohemian Hospital, was conducted by Mr. Jan A. Cervenka. The results of this meeting will be found interesting to our local readers as well as to those who reside outside of Chicago. After a seven-year period of inactivity, caused mainly by the war and our fight for national independence [of Czechoslovakia] the realization of building our own Bohemian Hospital seems certain.

The contributive strength of our people should not be dissipated by factionalism. It was decided that it was the duty of every good Bohemian to support the cause of Bohemia's independence. That great cause has been accomplished; it now rests with us to think about our own local needs. Among these, according to the opinions of our leading citizens, the erection of a Bohemian hospital

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IV is all-important, and it was for this reason that a meeting of the trustees of the projected Hospital was called. The various problems which confronted us before seek their solution again. Mr. Frank G. Hajicek, as a past secretary of the [dormant] organization read the minutes of the last meeting, and was immediately followed by the remarks of the president who explained to the assembly the various steps taken connected with the sale of the hospital property. The building which was purchased by the trustees some time ago was to house the Hospital. It is located at Albany Avenue and 14th Place, and, as it was later ascertained, does not meet the requirements of a hospital building. The trustees, therefore, decided to sell it. This they succeeded in doing after some time, and the property was disposed of through the medium of the well-known realty firm of Cermak and Serhant for the purchase price of \$28,400. The building was bought by the Jewish Day and Night Nursery. The various expenses connected with this transaction--commission, war tax, documentary stamps, etc.--totalled, \$1,725. leaving the sum of \$26,647 as clear profit. The total sum, however, which is in the hands of the trustees reached \$30,002.16 and is now deposited in Lawndale State Bank, a Bohemian banking institution of

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Chicago. The great economy of the trustees of the Hospital is attested by the fact that during the entire period of operation the organization's expenses amounted only to \$199.25.

At Mr. Hajicek's suggestion it was unanimously decided to call a public meeting in which the general public could take part, and in which the detailed financial statement would be read. This will afford everyone an opportunity to express his opinions and to make further suggestions as to what steps are to be taken in building the long-delayed Hospital. Such a meeting will most probably be called this month, and will be held in the pavilion of the Pilsen Brewery Company on 26th Street and Albany Avenue. The gentlemen who compose the board of trustees are of the opinion that the money which they hold in trust is the property of our Czechoslovak people, and that only these people have the right to dispose of it in the interests of the Hospital. All other steps, such as the calling of a public meeting, were left to the trustees themselves.

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THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

Many years ago the Sbor pro Postaveni Cesko-Americke Nemocnice (Committee for the Erection of the Bohemian-American Hospital) bought a building known as 1424 South Albany Avenue for hospital purposes. This building would have been equipped as a hospital a long time ago, had it not been for unexpected obstructions--primarily the World War. The World War induced us to turn our minds to more important and serious action, and therefore the program for the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice was naturally less intensively followed up, although the committee met quite regularly. When the World War ended, when the liberation of our old homeland was realized, when the most important work of American Czechoslovaks had been accomplished, then the committee commenced to meet regularly again.

In the course of time the committee became convinced that the building was not suitable for hospital purposes. Therefore they were delighted when it became known that the real-estate firm of Cermak and Serhant had a certain buyer on hand who was interested in the above-mentioned structure. Since that time the

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disposal of the building has been seriously considered. Inasmuch as the building is leased to the Illinois Sportmen's Club, which also has an option on it, it was necessary to notify the club about the contemplated sale and advise it that in case it wished to purchase the building, it must do so before July 15. If, in the meantime, the club decides not to buy the building, it will be sold to the real-estate firm for the sum of \$27,000. Such an agreement was made at the last meeting of the Sbor pro Postaveni Cesko-Americke Nemocnice, at the offices of the Pilsen Brewing Company. The meeting was presided over by Mr. John A. Cervenka, and the agreement was signed by all the attending members of the committee.

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THE BOHEMIAN-AMERICAN HOSPITAL

An important meeting of the officers of the Česko-Americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) is being called at the Pilsen Park pavilion on Wednesday evening, June 23, 1920. According to the statement of Dr. Charles Neumann, who is secretary of the Česko-Americká Nemocnice, the matter of the disposal of the hospital building will be discussed. The building, as our readers well remember, was bought for this project many years ago. But it appears today that the whole project will be dissolved. If the matter of the disposal of the building is to be discussed, then the question will arise as to what will be done with the money received. There is no doubt that the building may be sold at a profit at the present time, because of its location and the price of the material used in the construction of it.

We ourselves have been very much interested in this project ever since its inception, and we have supported it to the best of our ability. Therefore, we do not expect to be blamed if, prior to tomorrow's meeting, we express

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our opinion on how to invest the money to the best advantage. Originally, the Česko-Americká Nemocnice was destined to serve our poor suffering countrymen as a free asylum with the best possible nursing care. As far as we know, such an institution to take care of our aged and poor countrymen and countrywomen who have nobody here to nurse them is already in existence. We have in mind the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) located near the Bohemian National Cemetery. Both of these institutions, which are in fact one great institution of which our Freethinking countrymen are justly proud, are financially insecure.

Therefore we ask: Would it not be proper that the money received for the building which was destined for the Česko-Americká Nemocnice be donated to the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec? Both of these institutions have hospital sections which would prove inadequate in case of an epidemic. If the money received for the structure of the Česko-Americká Nemocnice were given to the above-named institutions, the hospital sections of both these institutions could be enlarged and improved. This would be a good and meritorious deed.

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We hope that the people who discuss the question tomorrow evening on what to do and how to invest the money received will take into consideration our proposition, because above all they must not forget that Bohemian-America is duty bound to do something for itself.

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FROM THE CZECH-AMERICAN RED CROSS

The office of the Czech branch of the American Red Cross has issued a call to the members of the Czech-American women's organizations, which should stimulate participation in the activities of the Czech branch. A large membership and the creation of numerous Czech branches are urgently needed right now. The appeal points to the Czech-American men, who were among the first to enlist for military service, and admonishes our women not to lag behind the men in patriotic ardor. Attention is called to the classes for prospective war nurses. The membership in the American Red Cross is two dollars, one dollar of which goes into the Czech-American branch for sundry accessories and for material. The meetings of the Czech branch will be held each Wednesday evening in places to be designated from time to time. For the present, the classes are to be held in the halls of the Pilsen Sokol (gymnastic society), Sokol Chicago, and Sokol Havlicek Tyrs.



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            Washington. Our Red Cross action is sponsored by the Czech  
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and comfort which has been extended to our men in the prison camps in  
Europe by the American Red Cross; this can be done best by a vigorous  
participation in the activities of the Red Cross.



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FOR THE RED CROSS

(Summary)

Last night a meeting for the organization of the Red Cross was held at the Mid-Day Club. Chicagoans of Czech descent were represented by Dr. Rudis Ticinsky, who assured the gathering that five thousand ardent patriots of Czech, Slovak, and Slovenic extraction have promised to devote their time and energies to the cause of the Red Cross. ....

The number of immigrants of the diverse nationalities in Chicago, who have declared themselves to be at the disposal of the Red Cross, has reached twenty-five thousand. We are certain that Czechs and Slovaks will represent their nationalities in numbers that will do them honor.



Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 13, 1917.

MEETING OF THE CZECH AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASS'N

Last night's meeting of the Spolek Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Czech-American Hospital Association) was held in the hall of the Lawndale National bank, West 26th Street and Lawndale Avenue. The main subject of discussion was the condition of the finances, and also a bid for the property, on Albany Avenue and Fourteenth Place, which the Association intends to sell.

Mr. John Cervenka, president, opened the meeting and gave the floor to the diverse officers for their reports. The assets in cash amount to \$2,162. The above mentioned property on Albany Avenue is rented and occupied by the Illinois Sportsmen's Club. The details of the proposed sale to this club will be determined in later meetings.

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CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

The Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Czech-American Hospital) trustees held their annual meeting yesterday evening at the offices of the Ceska Dobrocinná Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association); there was a large attendance. Mr. Jan A. Cervenka presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Then letters were read, the first of which was from Mr. Linke, the bookbinder, who referred to the sale of directories. Mr. Linke is sending a check for the number of directories sold; according to the contents of the letter, Mr. Linke considers his account closed with the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice. Because there was more important business to be transacted, this letter was turned over to the directory committee.

The next letter was from the Pilsen Brewing Company which is sending a contribution of \$50. The Spolek Ceskych Lekarek (Society of Czech Women

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Physicians) is sending one dollar for one admission to a ball held long ago. It was ordered that this one dollar be turned over to the treasurer.

Velkorad Cesko-Americke Jednoty (The Grand Lodge of the Czech-American Association) is announcing the temporary recall of its representative, Mr. Josef F. Bolek, from the board of directors, but he will resume his duties as soon as conditions permit.

Mr. Hajicek, the treasurer, was requested by the chairman to present his annual report. This report shows cash on hand of \$914.28. The net profit from the sale of directories is \$3,649.19; thus after making the last payment on the hospital property, the cashier has on hand \$1,563.47. Of the accounts collectible there is one of \$233 for advertisements in the directory; Mr. Cervenka expects to collect a large part of this account.

Mr. Loula and Mr. Cervenka submitted a report referring to the renting of the building and the submitting of the contract, and announcing the

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expenditure of over \$500 for needed repairs on the building.

The building was rented to a club whose members agreed to keep the building in repair, with an option to buy. Election of officers then followed.

Mr. Cervenka was re-elected chairman by unanimous vote. Dr. Pecival was named vice-chairman; Dr. Neumann secretary, and Mr. Frantisek G. Hajicek treasurer.

Mr. J. F. Bolek was chosen to fill one of the two vacancies on the board of directors. The other vacancy will be filled at the next regular meeting.

According to a motion made and passed at this meeting, the board of directors will keep on meeting in the rooms of the Lawndale National Bank, on 26th Street.

A motion was made and passed to arrange for a ball to be held for the benefit of the hospital, under the auspices of the societies of Czech physicians and

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Czech women doctors.

There were many discussions concerning the arrangements for this ball. The following doctors took part in the discussions: Dr. Ring, Dr. Zelezny, Dr. Chvatal, and Dr. Patera. It was agreed that a committee be named comprising nine members--three laymen, three male physicians, and three women physicians.

The physicians will be named later, but the laymen were selected at this meeting by Mr. Cervenka, who named Mr. Loula, Mr. Kvidera, and himself. The chairman then ordered the meeting adjourned.

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THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

A number of members of the Board of Directors of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) met under the chairmanship of Mr. John A. Cervenka in the premises of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) yesterday in order to discuss the only important matter now under consideration by the Board. It is the question of the building purchased some time ago for the Hospital. This matter was to have been discussed in a meeting which was scheduled before but which could not be held because of unforeseen obstacles.

Already in a previous meeting the Board had come to the conclusion that present conditions made it impossible to consider seriously any building activity in connection with the Hospital. Since the building which was purchased is vacant, and thus subject to deterioration, which, if continued for any length of time, would result in considerable depreciation, negotiations have been begun that should lead either to a sale or a lease of the property. Mr. Cervenka presented a report of the progress of these negotiations, which have resulted in a certain

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offer. However, this offer could not be disposed of because of the lack of a quorum in the meeting. Hence it was decided that the matter should stay, for the time being, in the hands of the president and the treasurer, Mr. Frank G. Hajicek, who have been authorized to bring the negotiations to a stage in which they could be submitted for the consideration of the Board.

The decision to lease or sell the property does not mean that the Board is giving up the work that should result in the establishment of the Hospital. Neither does it mean an indefinite postponement of that work. The Board is just doing what it has found necessary to do under the present circumstances, without resigning itself to future inactivity. The Board is determined to continue its work and bring the idea of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice to realization at the first opportunity that presents itself.

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THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

The regular monthly meeting of the board of representatives of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) was held in the premises of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) yesterday. It was very well attended.....

After Mr. John A. Cervenka had opened the meeting....Mr. Blodek reported on the profit the Nemocnice had made on the "wheels of fortune" installed at various places on the occasion of the Businessmen's carnival on 26th Street. According to his report the gross income was \$223.20, from which \$15.29, in expenses connected with the decoration of the booths must be subtracted, leaving a net profit of \$207.91.....

The report of the directory committee is ready for presentation at the next meeting.....

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THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

A meeting of the board of representatives of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) held a most important meeting in the premises of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) under the chairmanship of Mr. John A. Cervenka.....

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Mr. Frank C. Hajicek submitted to the meeting a report showing that \$440.25 in taxes will have to be paid on the hospital property this year.....

The building committee submitted an estimate of the cost of the addition to be built, the furnishings, and the running costs of the hospital. The report of the committee shows that the building costs, including masonry, carpenter work, plumbing, plastering, heating system, ventilations, elevators, etc., would amount to \$20,145; this does not include the cost of **tile work and** painting. The equipment for thirty-five beds, twenty-four in two wards and

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eleven in private rooms, is estimated at \$10,703.

The building and equipment would take some \$30,000 if managed economically, and the committee warned the Board that it would be extremely difficult to raise such an amount of money in these days.

Another point which must be considered is the difference between prospective income and expenses. According to competent estimates, the income from the beds would amount to \$20,700 and other income from sundry services to \$3,000, while the expenses are estimated to run about \$28,600, or \$5,000 over the estimated income.

Asked about his opinion on the matter by Mr. John A. Cervenka, Dr. Chvatal corroborated the calculations of the committee. He asserted that these calculations agree with figures furnished by several hospitals, especially one of forty beds. According to the experience of that hospital the equipment would cost over \$10,000. Running expenses for thirty out of forty beds would

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be \$31,262 per year, or would yield an income of \$62 per bed. But taking into consideration that there are always some unexpected expenses, this little profit would soon change into a loss, probably running to \$2,000 a year. This proves that the hospital, in order to become a paying proposition, would have to be built for fifty beds. After the presentation of these figures the majority of the representatives present were inclined to believe that under these circumstances it would be difficult to decide for the building of the addition, but no decision was made in this respect. Mr. Cervenka expressed the opinion that a special meeting should be called for the specific purpose of making the final decision on this question. This meeting will be held next Tuesday, and all representatives will be sent an urgent notice to be present.

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THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

The question of building an addition to the building which was purchased for a hospital, was discussed in a special meeting of the board of representatives of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital), which was presided over by Mr. John A. Cervenka. The question of opening the hospital also came up. Many members of the board were in favor of starting at once, or as soon as possible; others were seriously opposed because of present conditions, and recommended a delay.

Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 20, 1915.

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

The board of representatives of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) met at the usual place last night.....

The reports made by the several committees were very encouraging. The committee on the directory did not have much to report except a few facts about the sale of the directory and the collection of bills for the advertisements published therein.....

The building committee reported on the ball of the Spolek Ceskych Lekarek (Bohemian Women Physicians' Association) which will be held in the Cesko-Americka Sin (Bohemian-American Hall) on 18th Street on February 3. The net profits of the ball will be donated to the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice..... Admission will be only one dollar per couple.....

President John A. Cervenka gave the treasurer, Frank G. Hajicek, a check for



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one thousand dollars, representing the Hospital's share of the estate of the late president of the stockyard firm of Nelson Morris.....

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A TAG DAY

The Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) needs a considerable amount of money in order to build an addition to the house it has already purchased. However, in spite of the tireless and unselfish support which our countrymen have been giving to the plan of building a Bohemian-American hospital, the money so far collected is not sufficient to realize the plans of the board of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice--that is, to adapt the building to the needs of a hospital in order to start receiving patients. Therefore, the board has decided to try an idea which has proved to be successful many times--that of organizing a tag day. Thanksgiving Day was selected for this purpose, and Bohemian ladies, both matrons and girls, have been requested to offer their services in this charitable, humane enterprise. Some ladies have already complied with this request, and they received full instructions and suggestions in the meeting held in the offices of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) last night. A check-up has shown, however, that there

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are by far not enough ladies to cover all of the most frequented corners in parts of Chicago inhabited by our countrymen. In fact, so far only thirty ladies have offered their services.

The board of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice needs at least thirty more ladies, and the members are appealing to our public-spirited gentler sex to apply today or tomorrow at the offices of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost on Kedzie Avenue near 26th Street. There they will receive buttons which will be used as tags, containers for money which will bear the name of the "tagging" lady, and advice as to the location of each one's activity.

Since yesterday's meeting of the board of representatives of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice was devoted to the tag day and to the transaction of business with the ladies who agreed to take part in it, the current affairs of the Nemocnice will be discussed in a special meeting to be held two weeks from yesterday.

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE ČESKO-AMERICKÁ NEMOCNICE

A regular meeting of the board of directors of the Česko-americká nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) was held in the offices of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) last night.....

Dr. Pecival, reporting on the Bohemian Day in Riverview Park, said that the plan to distribute the admission tickets to children who would sell them to their friends has not brought the expected results. Therefore, the committee will try to secure the co-operation of a number of ladies who would be willing to sell the tickets on street corners in those parts of the city which are most heavily settled by Polesians. The day set aside for this scheme will be Saturday, July 16.

To this, Mr. John M. Carverlin added that the poor success of the advance sale of the tickets is due to the fact that the Bohemian American Baseball Union is having its outing in Riverview Park on the same day as the Polesians, and the

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Union is distributing tickets free of charge.....

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BOHEMIAN DAY IN RIVERVIEW PARK

July 18 has been designated as "Bohemian Day" in Riverview Park, and the Park management has granted a special privilege to the board of the Česko-americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) for the sale of admission tickets for this day. The cost of the tickets will be only ten cents and will entitle the owner to a reduced admission price, that is, five cents to all attractions for which everybody would otherwise have to pay seventy-five cents.

The board of directors of the Česko-americká Nemocnice requests schoolboys who now have a vacation to call on their friends and sell as many tickets as they possibly can. The boys will receive 10 per cent of the amount of their sales. Many children are already working in their respective neighborhoods, but many more are needed. They should start at once.

No doubt the Park management will issue many thousands of free admission cards, but these are for entrance to the Park itself, and their owners must pay the

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full admission price for all attractions they care to visit. And these cost from ten to twenty-five cents. Because all those who come to the park usually take either a wife, a friend, or children along, they have to pay three, four, or five times more that amount for the attractions than if they had a paid admission ticket.

Our ladies are also requested to lend their support in this matter. The tickets are being issued daily at the offices of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) at 25th Street and Medzie Avenue from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

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BOHEMIAN NIGHT IN RIVERVIEW PARK

The board of representatives of the Cesko-Amerika Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) announced a most agreeable piece of news during yesterday's meeting. The administration of Riverview Park, the largest and most popular amusement park in Chicago, advised the board of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice that it is willing to donate all admission fees paid by Bohemians on any one night the board may designate. In other words, the management will give the board free of charge any number of admission tickets that the board will be able to dispose of among the friends of the hospital without any compensation to Riverview Park.

Since all of the Sundays during the summer are taken up by picnics, outings, and excursions, the board thought the next best day would be a Saturday and selected Saturday, July 18.....

In regard to the Hospital's finances, it was reported that the balance of \$4,000 which is due on the property will soon be paid. After that the board

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will concentrate on the building of the addition, which is expected to cost \$15,000. This amount will be secured by a loan on the paid-up property if the funds will not be on hand when needed.

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Constitutional Amendments Adopted at Yesterday's  
Mass Meeting Attract Valuable Working Forces

As had already been announced several times in reports of the Česko-americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital), a mass meeting of the Hospital Association was held last night in the building of Sorok Chicago. The purpose of the meeting was explained in detail by the organization's president, Mr. John A. Jarvenko, after the meeting had been called to order. He pointed out that it was the necessary and desirable amendment of some articles of the constitution, as well as the supplementary election, which necessitated the calling of this meeting, and he requested the secretary, Dr. G. Fisher, to present a report of the activities in the interest of building a Bohemian hospital in Chicago, which would measure up to present-day standards. The secretary in his report called attention to the fact that the efforts of the board of trustees were directed toward securing sufficient money to finish paying for the property, on which there is still

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four thousand dollars to be paid. This amount, however, under favorable circumstances, will soon be on hand, because at present there is \$2,500 in the treasury, and there are fully justified hopes that the issuance of the directory will bring further sums. Moreover, the Hospital is to receive one thousand dollars which was bequeathed by the late Mr. Morris. Hence it will be possible to make the last payment on the property in the near future, after which it will be possible to think of the interior furnishing of the Hospital and, finally, of the desired addition to the present structure. It is a great secret truly touched on the attitude toward patients of the Hospital which, in spite of all assertions of the superiority of the secretariat, will be impartial, non-sectarian and simply humane and Christian, and for Bohemia without regard to creed. The secretary described the Hospital's relations with the Czech Českých lékařů (Association of Physicians in Bohemia) and other medical organizations, a misunderstanding which has been removed by mutual agreement, and by now forgotten, so that the way to actual co-operation with those organizations is now cleared. This co-operation is expected to result in increasing support and should soon bring about the completion of the Hospital.

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Dr. Fisher's speech was followed by a discussion of changes to be made in the Association's constitution and bylaws. To the article enumerating the active members of the Association, the Spolek Českých Lékařek was added. The article dealing with contributing members was amended by a provision according to which all individuals contributing one hundred dollars or more at once become life members of the organization. The number of members of the board of trustees was enlarged from fifteen to twenty-one, the additional six members being three laymen and three women physicians. This change made necessary a corresponding change in the article dealing with the election of the members of the board of trustees. The article referring to the Hospital staff was changed to the effect that members of the staff may be selected from the membership of both the Spolek Českých Lékařů (Association of Bohemian Men Physicians) and the Spolek Českých Lékařek.

As a result of these changes, supplementary elections to the board of trustees became necessary. One member had to be elected to fill the place left by Mr. Otto Kubín, who resigned some months ago, and also six new members who

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had been authorized by the meeting, these being three laymen and three women physicians. The president appointed a nominating committee of five members, consisting of Mrs. Mazač, Mr. Pregler, Mr. Chvátal, Dr. Fisher, and Dr. Jirka, who adjourned to the adjoining room to prepare a list of nominees for the seven vacancies.

While the committee was deliberating, Mr. Červenka presented a brief statement on the financial status of the organization. He said that two thousand dollars in pledges still remained to be collected. The directory is expected to net approximately six thousand dollars and will be published shortly. The inside furnishings of the Hospital will require close to two thousand dollars, while the addition will require almost fifteen thousand dollars. This money, or at least a large portion of it, will have to be secured by a loan the character of which remains to be decided upon. At this point in the discussion Mr. Červenka suggested that there is a large national [Bohemian] institution lending money at four per cent interest, which takes other peoples' [non-Bohemian's] securities as collateral, and consequently should also be willing

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to take a Bohemian's security, for the real estate owned by the Hospital Association, even if the building is not included, is worth more than the amount of the loan to be made. He said, however, that there is practically no hope of securing a loan from that institution, even though it would be its duty to grant it.

In the meantime, the nominations committee returned and submitted a list from which the following new members of the board were elected by acclamation: for the Spolek Českých Lékařek: ladies: Dr. Ring for three years, Dr. Kapsa for two years, and Dr. Železný for one year; Mr. Anton Pecival to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. Kubín; and three laymen: Mrs. Machek for three years, Mr. Bolek for two years, and Mr. Bouše for one year. All accepted and were welcomed by the president. Mrs. Machek represents the Dámský Dobročinný Kroužek České Kalifornie (Charitable Circle of Ladies of Bohemian California), Mr. Bouše, the Pilsen Camp of Modern Woodsmen, and Mr. Bolek, the Česko-Americká Jednota (Bohemian-American Unity). Mr. Pecival's membership is one ad personam--unattached.

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Mr. Bolek in a short speech expressed thanks for the honor given him and promised to do all he could for the interests of the Hospital; this pledge was repeated by the other newly elected members of the board of trustees.

The Dámský Dobročinný Kroužek České Kalifornie [Charitable Circle of Ladies of Bohemian California] presented to the treasurer its contribution of \$100.57; and Mrs. Mazač for the Česká Sesterská Podporující Jednota (Bohemian Benevolent Sisterhood) and its chapters, \$16 for including their names in the directory.

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ČESKO-AMERICKÁ NEMOCNICE

The regular meeting of the board of trustees of the Česko-Americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) took place last night with a fair attendance. Current matters were attended to and preparations made for Friday's mass meeting, at which there will be a discussion concerning changes in several articles of the constitution. After the meeting had been called to order by the president, John A. Cervenka, and the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, there followed the transmission of greetings from the treasurer of the organization, Frank G. Hájiček, who is in London at the present time. Dr. Newman presented the directory committee's report, which was accepted. An outline of the motions proposing changes in the constitution, as compiled by Dr. Pavlik, was recommended for presentation at the mass meeting. Other reports were presented by the collection committees; these were joyfully received, because they indicated a fine collection for the benefit of the hospital. A total of \$422.50 was collected.

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THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

Board of Trustees Calls a Plenary Meeting to  
Discuss Changes in Bylaws

Important changes will take place in the composition of the board of trustees of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) after the recommendations of the present board are approved by a special plenary meeting called for this purpose. We do not doubt that these changes will prove of benefit to the hospital.

According to these recommendations the bylaws would be changed to provide for twenty-one members of the board of trustees, which means six new members, three laymen and three women physicians. The board recommends this change because the co-operation of women physicians with the men appears most desirable.

Yesterday's meeting was called for the purpose of deciding whether it is

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desirable to call a plenary meeting of the Hospital Association. Eleven out of fifteen directors were present. Three of the absent directors sent their regrets and the fourth sent in his resignation.

Mr. John A. Cervenka presided. A motion was carried to call a plenary meeting of the Association for May 29. The decision as to where this meeting is to be held was referred to a committee which will announce the place as soon as it is agreed upon.

In addition to the proposed change in the board of trustees other proposals will be made. One of them is to establish life membership in the Hospital Association. Every person making a payment of one hundred dollars, divided into four yearly payments or paid in one lump sum, would become a life member.

The board discussed thoroughly the method of issuing membership cards. It also decided that there should be more than one class of membership. But

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these decisions are not definite, since all of them will be brought up for discussion at the coming plenary meeting, where they will be definitely disposed of by the vote of the whole membership.

The Bohemian women physicians will be invited to this plenary meeting in the hope that a situation will develop which will induce them to offer their co-operation. This would awaken interest among circles of our people which heretofore have not even been touched.

Mr. Otto J. Kubin, a member of the board of trustees, sent in a letter which was read at yesterday's meeting and in which a check for \$1,500 was enclosed. The letter explained that \$500 pays the obligation of the Atlas Brewing Company, \$500 is Mr. Charles J. Wopicka's obligation, and \$500 is Mr. Otto J. Kubin's own contribution.

At the same time Mr. Otto J. Kubin sent in his resignation as a member of the board of trustees, giving as his reason the fact that his business does not

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permit him to devote his time to anything else. His resignation was accepted, and his place will be filled at the coming plenary meeting.

The total contributions at this meeting amounted to \$1,774.

Summing up all that has been said, it would appear that the plenary meeting which is called for May 29 will be an important one. All members of the Hospital Association will receive invitations from the secretary, and none should be absent from this meeting.

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A HEARTY THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Infant Welfare Society, the director of Dvořák Park wishes to thank all those who have contributed to the Society's fund for the benefit of sick children of poor families.

The total amount which the director of Dvořák Park has collected for this noble cause from individual Bohemians and philanthropic organizations amounts to \$100.50.

[Translator's note: Among the contributors were twenty-eight firms, five lodges, and twenty-five individuals.]

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THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE ČESKO-AMERICKÁ NEMOCNICE

The meeting of the board of directors of the Česko-americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) was held last evening in the office of the Pilsen Brewery Company, with most of its members in attendance.

Immediately after convening, Mrs. Frances Schejbal, representing the Sbor Mladých Američanek, Jednota Českých Dám (Young American Society, Unity of Bohemian Ladies), turned over one hundred dollars to the financial secretary as a contribution from that Society. Mrs. Schejbal expressed the hope that other bodies would contribute likewise, a hope in which she was joined by all the other members. The chairman, John A. Červenka, speaking for the organization, thanked Mrs. Schejbal, and said that he hoped others would follow her example; she was asked to convey due thanks to her society.

After the reading of the minutes by the recording secretary, Dr. Gustav Fisher, a letter sent by the Sbor Českých Lékařek (Bohemian Women Doctors'

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Society) was read; it stated that the conditions for co-operation were accepted by the committee appointed for that purpose, but not by the whole Hospital Society, and asked that when this matter was opened for action at a mass meeting of the Hospital Society the Doctors' Society be notified, so that the committee named by it could be present at the mass meeting. This request was granted. The Bohemian Women Doctors' Society will be notified as to the time of the next mass meeting.

The next order of business was the reading of a letter received from Jaromír R. Išenka, who had made a proposal to print a directory, calling attention to the fact that work in this direction had not progressed as anticipated, and making suggestions in regard to remedying this condition.

It was agreed that this letter be turned over to the committee in charge, which is to call a meeting, at which the wishes of the board will be given cognizance, and at which it will be decided how best to proceed in this work.

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The financial secretary announced that he had received the yearly tax bill, in the amount of \$449.53, which tax had to be paid because a hospital building had not yet been erected.

The chairman, John A. Červenka, brought up the question which confronts the board at every meeting, of the raising of funds for the erection of annexes to the building now standing on the property. This raising of funds is to be brought about by allotting to each board member a certain number of acres or persons who have pledged but have not up to date realized. These are to be visited and urged to remit.

The meeting was adjourned after a report of the cash receipts, which amounted to \$125.00.

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MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BOHEMIAN-AMERICAN HOSPITAL

The meeting of the Sbor Duverniku Cesko-Americke Nemocnice (Board of Trustees of the Bohemian-American Hospital) which was held yesterday evening in the offices of the Bohemian Charitable Association, was fairly well attended, and some of the more important business was transacted.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the correspondence from societies which have sent their dues and from others explaining why they have not, was examined. The next business on the agenda was the presentation of committee reports.

Dr. Neuman, representing the committee that has charge of the printing of the Bohemian directory, stated that they are making arrangements to accept bids for printing in the near future. Not including the solicitors' percentages, \$2,656 is the total amount which has been collected for the insertion of small advertisements, names, and addresses; and more than a

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thousand dollars has been pledged for the larger advertisements. The work of the committee is so directed that it is expected that the directory will be ready for the printer this month.

The financial secretary, Mr. Frank G. Hajicek, announced that about the first of May he will leave for Europe, and he asked that a temporary financial secretary be named or a permanent one be appointed. Mr. Stanislaus Loula moved that this business be deferred until the next meeting, and that the next one be announced as very important.

The next discussion was about the collection of subscribed amounts which up-to-date are still outstanding. Certain members of this committee who had taken up this work at the last meeting presented their reports, which were not very encouraging. It is imperative that these amounts be collected and turned in to the financial secretary as soon as possible.

The Sbor Duverniku is anxious to arrange the purchase of the property for the hospital and to pay the amount which is still due. Up to the present

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time, \$18,000 has been paid to Mr. Frank G. Hajicek, but a balance of \$5,000 is still due. This is equal to the amount subscribed.

The sooner this sum is turned over to the Sbor Duverniku, the sooner the hospital will be ready for occupancy. It is evident that the subscribers are indifferent to the urgent calls for money; they do not seem to care whether the money is paid now or later.

The chairman, Mr. John A. Cervenka, expressed the opinion that it would be possible to collect the money needed before the opening of the hospital. It was finally agreed that every individual member of the Sbor Duverniku perform the work assigned to him, and at the next meeting some action will be taken to determine how to proceed in the future. The meeting was adjourned after the financial secretary announced the total receipts, thirty-four dollars.

Denní Hlasatel, Mar. 11, 1914.

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
ČESKO-AMERICKÁ NEMOCNICE

Yesterday's meeting of the board of representatives of the Česko-americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) held at the office of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) was one of the most poorly attended, with only seven of the fifteen members present.

Dr. Zubokrtský presided in the absence of Chairman John A. Šervonka, and after a late call to order, the minutes of the last meeting were read, followed by the reading of letters containing contributions. The following were received: Lodge Vyšehrad, No. 48 of the Česko-Slovanské Rodnoručící Spolky (Bohemian Slavonic Benevolent Societies) paid its yearly contribution of \$10, and Mr. Jan Kušta was selected to represent this Lodge at all meetings of the board of representatives of the Česko-americká Nemocnice. Mr. Joseph Kostohryz, representing the Union Wholesale Liquor Company, is

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sending a contribution of \$100 for the hospital; the Pilsen Brewing Company sends \$50, which is one fourth of the \$200 promised to the Česko-Americká Nemocnice on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Pilsen Brewing Company.

The meeting allowed \$45 as a payment for ten years' insurance of the hospital building for \$15,000 a year (sic). The delicate question of collecting outstanding pledges was discussed. These amount to \$7,000, and so far none of the committees have been able to collect these pledges despite all their efforts. These pledges should be collected as soon as possible, because \$5,000 is still needed to finish paying for the property, and much more will be needed for the building of the addition and the outfitting of the hospital. The management does not want to start with a debt. The several committees on collections will again visit every subscriber. They hope that everyone will come forward with the amount subscribed.

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The motion to pay \$4,000 to Mr. Frank G. Hájíček as a payment on the hospital property was carried, so that now \$18,000 will have been paid, leaving a balance due of \$5,000.

Dr. Neuman announced that a call for bids for the printing of the directory has been published in the newspapers.

According to the report of our agent, Mr. Ludvík, \$3,000 is collected for advertisements in our directory, and \$2,000 more is outstanding in contracts for larger advertisements. It is evident that the outcome in this respect will be very favorable.

The directory is to be ready for the printer sometime in the early part of April.

The meeting was adjourned after the financial secretary, Mr. Frank G. Hájíček

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announced the receipts, which totaled \$225.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 11, 1914.

CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

(Summary)

The Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital Association) held its first meeting since the election of officers at the offices of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association). Current business was transacted and some committees were appointed. The contributions from various sources reported at this meeting amounted to \$1,557.26.





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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 25, 1913.

THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

The regular weekly meeting of the board of directors of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) was held in the offices of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Society) last Tuesday night.....

The directors were most agreeably surprised by a letter from Mrs. Marie E. Storkan containing a check for \$500. The letter explained that the donation was being made upon request of her deceased mother who before her death had generously supported the movement to build the Bohemian-American Hospital.....

President John A. Carvenka reported the proposal of the Ceske Divadlo (Bohemian Theater), a group of actors appearing regularly in the hall of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, which has offered to arrange a theatrical masquerade, half of the proceeds of which would go to the Hospital Association. The offer suggests that publicity for the masquerade would not be launched before January 4, the day of the concert for the benefit of the Cesko-Americka

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Nemocnice....The offer was accepted on condition that the Hospital Association shall not be held responsible for any possible deficit this affair might incur. Negotiations with the Ceske Divadlo on this point will soon begin.

This offer led to the idea of appointing a committee of three who would take care of matters of this kind. The committee would deal directly with societies, clubs, etc., and would offer its co-operation. The president will appoint such a committee in the near future....

Cervenka reported that he and Dr. Fisher had been looking for a convenient hall where the proposed concert could be held. They would prefer the hall of Sokol Chicago. January 4, 1914 being a Sunday, the hall will be available in the afternoon, and possibly also in the evening, since the amateur actors of the Sokol Chicago would be willing to forego the use of the hall that night. Everything depends on the rental which the Sokol Chicago is

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 10, 1913.

ČESKO-AMERICKÁ NEMOCNICE

The board of representatives of the Česko-Americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) held its regular weekly meeting last night.....Dr. Chvátal called attention to an article in the newspaper Národ, according to which the Sdružení Katolických Čechů V Chicagu (Association of Bohemian Catholics in Chicago) would be willing to support the hospital if it is convinced that the hospital will be a completely nonsectarian institution, devoted to the welfare of our countrymen. During the ensuing debate, Dr. Fisher pointed out that according to specific provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the hospital association, neither creed nor political convictions will have any bearing upon the admission of a fellow countryman. The hospital will be open to every good American Bohemian, and, therefore, it is the duty of all Bohemians to support the hospital as much as they can.....

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.....It was agreed that an additional payment of \$8,000 should be made to Mr. Hájiček who had loaned the board of trustees a sum of money to buy the

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property.....Contributions reported at the meeting amounted to \$1,981.50; cash in the treasury, \$6,865.64; total on hand, \$8,847.14. Out of this, \$8,000 was paid to Mr. Hájíček, leaving a balance of \$847.14.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 27, 1913.

THEY REMEMBERED OUR HOSPITAL

The most worthy of present Bohemian enterprises in Chicago, the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) was remembered yesterday on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Sofie C. Legat with Mr. Josef G. Blaha at Mr. Legat's restaurant on Crawford Avenue. A collection was taken up which yielded \$165.00. The money was immediately forwarded to the treasurer of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice....

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 26, 1913.

THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE HOPES  
FOR A SHARE OF L. MORRIS ESTATE

As our readers will well remember, the late Mr. L. Morris, well-known millionaire and president of a Stock Yard firm, bequeathed considerable amounts of money to specified charities, in addition to \$50,000 the distribution of which he left in the hands of Mrs. L. Morris, his widow and the executor of his will.

Mr. Anton J. Cervenka, president of the board of representatives of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) and probate clerk, knew about this provision and, acting in the interest of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice, addressed to Mrs. Morris a letter asking for an opportunity to present a request for a part of this money on behalf of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice, an institution which is just being started and hence needs considerable financial support. Mrs. Morris received Mr. Cervenka and referred him to her director,

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Wilson, and her son, which two men she had authorized to work out the best way of disposing of this amount, and whom Mr. Cervenka visited yesterday. He was promised that the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice will be taken into consideration when the distribution of the money is taken up. No doubt that after a promise of this kind it is much more than probable that the Nemocnice will share the bequest, an expectation which will make all friends of the Institution just as happy as were its directors when this news was disclosed to them at the meeting they held last night....

According to the report presented by Neuman, the contract for the printing of the directory has been signed and the actual work on it will start soon....

Mr. Frank G. Hajicek offered to those who will be working on the directory the use of his old office. After this generous offer a debate about the matter of issuing membership certificates to contributors developed; particu-

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larly, however, the minimum amount of money which would entitle the contributor to a membership certificate was discussed. Finally the amount of ten dollars was agreed upon.

The meeting agreed to appoint a committee of two who, together with the officers of the Organization, would prepare collection lists for seven pairs of members on the basis of which the pairs would undertake the collection of money pledged by the friends of the Hospital Association. Mr. Walleck and Mr. Loula were appointed members of the committee.

Doctor Chvatal made a report on the collection he had undertaken from those who had pledged, and submitted a list of those who had promised to send in remittances against their pledges in the near future.

Treasurer Hajicek reported that up to the day he had approximately \$6,700 in

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cash on hand.

Dr. Pavlik opened the question as to what would be the best way of contacting Bohemian organizations. It was decided to start by addressing letters to the grand lodges of all Bohemian orders and other similar organizations, requesting their financial support, together with support in the form of propaganda, for the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice in their member lodges.

The income reported in yesterday's meeting was \$3,955.75. [Translator's note: The article further lists the names of contributors and the amounts contributed. These range from five hundred dollars down to fifty cents.]

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 12, 1913.

THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

A regular meeting of the board of representatives of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) was held yesterday....

Chairman John A. Cervenka reports that Mr. Rusy has made no charges for plans, drawings, and other architectural work he has done for the hospital, and presents them to the board of representatives of that body free of charge.

Treasurer Frank G. Hajicek reports collections amounting to \$1,541....

The board elected two new members who will take the places of Mr. Karel J. Vopicka, who has left for Europe to assume his duties as the United States ambassador to the Balkans, and of Mr. Kalal. Mr. Vopicka's place will be filled by Mr. Otto Kubin and Mr. Kalal's place by Mr. Christian Walleck....

Denní Hlasatel, Oct. 31, 1913.

MEETING OF THE ČESKO-AMERICKÁ NEMOCNICE

(Summary)

Yesterday's meeting of the board of trustees of the Česko-americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) was held on the premises of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association). From the four submitted plans for adapting the building which the board of trustees had bought to the needs of the hospital, the meeting approved the least expensive one, requiring an expenditure of \$7,500 and permitting the installation of thirty-five beds.

It was decided to send out collection blanks to the various committees and ask them to start at once with the collection of money previously pledged. Of the \$17,000 in pledges, the board now has \$1,400 in cash. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mr. John A. Červenka.

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At the meeting, treasurer Frank G. Hájiček reported various donations amounting to \$254.50.

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CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

There is no doubt that one of the most beautiful and noble projects ever attempted by our Bohemian-American metropolis is the building of a Bohemian hospital.

There are times in the lives of thousands of our countrymen when they get hurt or ill and are obliged to seek treatment in a hospital. As it is today, they must look for help in hospitals which are not Bohemian, if they are not forced by circumstances to apply for admission into such public institutions as the County Hospital, where they hardly can expect the kind care which is the principal ally of a physician. Those things which a seriously ill person needs most--a kind word in his mother tongue, encouragement, and sympathy--are not given to our patients in a non-Bohemian hospital. There are hundreds of our countrymen who do not speak English and who tell of most bitter experiences encountered in hospitals where they are unable to ask for and get even the simplest care, and where they are often exposed to abuse.....

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III C It is, therefore, quite natural that since the time our Bohemian colony in this city came to the realization of its national and humane duties, it has been considering means to remedy this sad situation and provide a place where Bohemian patients would be cared for by Bohemian physicians and nurses, where they would not be hearing anything else but a language to which they are accustomed, where they could give vent to their pains, suffering, and sorrows in their own mother tongue.

It is really strange that Bohemian Chicago, this huge and well-to-do community which built the Utulna (Old People's Home) for its infirm old men and women, its Sirotcinec (Orphanage) for its homeless children, a place where the religious erect monumental churches, the Freethinkers provide buildings for their social organizations, where the Dobrocinná Společnost (Charitable Association) and other organizations with noble purposes prosper, where we are proud of our most beautiful cemetery--this Bohemian Chicago, generally admired and justly recognized as the metropolis of Bohemian America--has not yet succeeded in providing an institution where those of us who are ill and therefore the first to be

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III C      entitled to a helping hand, could go and be sure of the best of care by our own countrymen.

There were many obstacles to be overcome--greater and more serious ones than in any other of our humane enterprises, but it is not the purpose of this article to talk about them.....

The larger the obstacles the more improbable the realization of the aim appeared; but all the more welcome, to all good Bohemians, will be the news that these obstacles have been removed and overcome, and that the dream of Bohemian Chicago --nay, of Bohemian America--the dream of having its own hospital, is no longer a dream, but a reality.

It is generally known that the question of the hospital was taken up by an organization started by Bohemian physicians and composed of men who are prominent in medical, business, and political life. Their seriousness of purpose, their enthusiasm, and their energy found full response in the Bohemian

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III C public, which answered their call for contributions for the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) with unprecedented generosity.

After a series of meetings which succeeded in stirring up interest and popularizing the idea in the widest circles of the Bohemian public, there came a period of comparative tranquility, or at least, so it seemed. The dull reports of the meetings did not appear to furnish grounds for the hope that the idea of a Bohemian hospital would be realized in the near future.

But, in the meantime, the work of the various committees was progressing, and our public was suddenly presented with the good news that we have the hospital, or at least shall have it in a comparatively short time if the Bohemian people of the city will recognize their duty and give their material support to the enterprise with as great enthusiasm as they showed when the idea was first launched.

The organization has had the rare opportunity to acquire a large piece of ground

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III C for the hospital with a fine stone residence, in a place easily accessible from all Bohemian districts and facing a park. The building is located at 1424 South Albany Avenue. Its interior, including large rooms, wide halls, and a spacious stairway, is particularly suitable for adaptation to the purpose for which it was bought. The building stands on a large lot, and with the adjacent corner lot which was bought with it, the acquired property has an area of 187 by 170 feet. The building has many rooms, all of which can well be used as sick rooms. All that is necessary is the building of an addition which would house operating rooms, with the required side rooms and working spaces. Such an addition is shown in the drawing made for the organization by Mr Rusy, who has been acting as a counsel in architectural matters.

Including the addition, the hospital will have a capacity of about fifty beds. Considering that under other circumstances the realization of a similar project would require at least one hundred thousand dollars, and that the expenditure connected with the purchase of the real estate and the building of the addition

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III C will not amount to more than fifty thousand dollars, our unbiased judgment must be that through the acquisition of the above-mentioned property, the most difficult part of the problem has been successfully solved. Even so, we disregard the fact that there is a good deal of free space fully paid for and available for enlargements in the future.

The favorable location in Douglas Park--three minutes for the Havlicek Monument --in a quiet, clean neighborhood, in an atmosphere free of dust and odors, gives the property an added value. It is just two blocks from the Twelfth Street car, two blocks from the Kedzie Avenue and 16th Street cars, two blocks from Ogden Avenue, and a leisurely five-minute walk for the Elevated station.

The official permission for the establishment of the hospital was secured a long time ago, and thus we, the American Bohemians, can have our own hospital ready to receive its first patients very soon--perhaps even in six months.

It should not be necessary to doubt that the Bohemian public will recognize

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and appreciate the seriousness of the step made by the hospital organization in buying the property and will support it in accomplishing a thing which by now has become nothing more nor less than a matter of prestige for Chicago Bohemians. It is particularly up to those of our well-to-do people who have so far been sceptical and have withheld their subscriptions. Now is the time for them to do their duty, when the hospital has moved from the realm of dreams into the realm of reality. Furthermore, it is necessary that those who have made pledges should honor them with ready cash at an early date. When the well-to-do part of our public does its duty with regard to this important Bohemian undertaking, the masses of the people who are so ready in their enthusiasm for anything that is good and noble, and who have made so many important undertakings possible in the past and thereby have earned the admiration of non-Bohemian citizens of America and their own brothers and sisters in the old country, will do all that is in their power to make sure that the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice may not only start its work in the near future, but also receive a strong financial foundation that will enable it to grow in years to come and become a blessing to all those among us who suffer and need care.....

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Denní Hlasatel, Sept. 12, 1913.

THE ČESKO-AMERICKÁ NEMOCNICE

The trustees of the Česko-Americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) started their regular meetings again after a two-month vacation period. They met yesterday in the offices of the Pilsen Brewery under the chairmanship of President John A. Červenka.....The agenda of the meeting was limited to the presentation of committee reports on work done during the past two months.

Dr. Neuman reported for the press committee on the progress made in the preparations for the publication of the directory. His report was approved and his committee was given full power to proceed at their discretion both with the directory and the proposed stamps. The directory is to cover not only Chicago, but many other Bohemian communities in the United States [as well], and, upon Mr. Červenka's suggestion, will include, in addition to the names of firms and individuals, Bohemian social organizations also. Their names will be included for a small fee.

The meeting agreed to call in all subscription blanks for a check-up. This

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does not mean the subscriptions are to be discontinued--just the contrary. The solicitation of funds should be continued with increased energy.

Dr. Ludvík Fisher, acting as secretary, presented the report of the constitution and bylaws committee, indicating that the work on these documents had been ended. It was agreed to publish them in both the Bohemian and the English languages.

The question had previously come up, at one or two meetings, as to whether or not the Hospital could be run profitably. The Hospital is not expected to be a money-making proposition, but the trustees want to feel sure that the Hospital will not show such a deficit as to make its functioning impossible. This question came up again yesterday, but Dr. Pavlík explained that there is no such danger. He had studied the financial reports of a number of hospitals comparable to the one the trustees have in mind and found that they all prosper. Under proper management, a year's expenses of a hospital with sixty beds should not exceed \$20,750, while the income--figuring only forty

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weeks a year, since all the beds cannot be expected to be occupied continuously--should be close to \$30,000. In order to make this point quite clear, the trustees asked for additional information to be available at the next meeting together with a report on the building sites under consideration and their prices.

Treasurer Frank G. Hájiček reported the receipt of \$300 as the first prize of the contest arranged by the Pilsen Brewing Company, and \$25 from Dr. Fisher, which he had received as fee for counting the ballots. In sundry contributions [itemized in the article], from various sources, \$45 was received during the vacation.....

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Denní Hlasatel, June 20, 1913.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
ČESKO-AMERICKÁ NEMOCNICE

(Summary)

A meeting of the board of directors of the Česko-Americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) was held last night in the offices of the Pilsen Brewing Company at Albany Avenue and 26th Street. The meeting was presided over by Mr. John A. Červenka, and its large attendance and the serious way in which all deliberations were conducted seem to us a definite indication that the project will meet with success. Treasurer Frank G. Hájiček reported various donations ranging from \$1 to \$300 and totaling \$460.65. Dr. Neuman's motion to proceed with the printing of the constitution and bylaws and identification cards was carried.

No meeting of the board will be held during the summer months, but all committees will continue their work. The next board meeting will be held September 11.



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Mr. Otto Kerner reported the receipt of the charter of the Česko-Americká Nemocnice from Springfield.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 6, 1913.

MEETING OF THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

A meeting of the board of directors of the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital) in Chicago was held yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. John A. Cervenka. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read by the secretary, Dr. Ludvik Fiser. Treasurer Frank G. Hajicek reported donations from various sources totaling \$421 and announced that several of the contributors have expressed their willingness to give additional contributions if they are needed.....

The committee on the directory reported favorably on Mr. R. Jaromir Psenka's proposal and offered suggestions as to ways and means by which it would be possible to publish the directory most efficiently and in the shortest possible time.....The committee's suggestions were adopted and that group was also charged with the duty of studying the question of stamps.....

In line with Mr. John A. Cervenka's proposal, the board agreed to establish

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Dr. Fiser was appointed as the board's representative for the counting of ballots in the Pilsen Brewing Company's prize contest.....

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Denni Hlasatel, May 23, 1913.

A MEETING OF THE CESKO-AMERICKA NEMOCNICE

(Summary)

The Cesko-Americka Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital Association) held a meeting yesterday in which donations totaling \$593.45 were reported. Various items of current business were taken up, among which was the question of the proposed directory of Bohemians in America. A proposal by Mr. R. J. Psenka was read, stating that the purpose of the directory should be to fill the long-felt need of Bohemian business people and Bohemian organizations in America, and to make some money for the Cesko-Americka Nemocnice by turning over to it all fees paid for the insertion of names and advertisements. The proposed fees are as follows: For the name and address of an individual, one dollar; name and address with his telephone number and occupation, two dollars; name and address of a business or corporation, two dollars; same with telephone number, three dollars; a one-inch advertisement, five dollars. The proposed number of directories to be printed is ten thousand copies, which will be sold

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for fifteen to twenty-five cents. The directory would contain, as an introduction, a short historical review and statistical data concerning Bohemians in America, and possibly a few illustrations and photographs; also a plan of the city of Chicago. The proposal was referred to the specially appointed committee on the directory for study and report at the next meeting.

Mr. John A. Cervenka's proposal to prepare an issue of stamps to be sold for the benefit of the Nemocnice was referred to the same committee.

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BOHEMIAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

At the memorable meeting in the pavilion of Pilsen Park held on April 11, the Bohemian Hospital Association was organized and a board of fifteen directors was elected to whose hands the project was entrusted. Now it has become their duty to bring the action to a successful conclusion and to see that the desire of all Bohemians in America for a hospital of their own will be fulfilled at the earliest possible date; and to take over the management of the hospital after it is built and established. The board consists of six physicians and nine laymen.

The chairman of the now discontinued organization committee and member of the newly appointed board of trustees, Mr. Karel J. Vopicka, called a board meeting last Thursday at which the election of officers took place. Two candidates were nominated for the office of president, Mr. Vopicka and Mr. John A. Cervenka. Mr. Vopicka expressed his thanks for the confidence shown him by



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the nomination. He asked, however, that his nomination be dropped, because at the present time he is more than fully occupied by other affairs and could not accept as important a position as that of the president, which requires a large amount of time. However, he promised to extend his full co-operation to the Association, and asked those present to elect Mr. Cervenka as president. Mr. Cervenka was unanimously elected.

The following men were also elected: Dr. Jos. Zabokrtsky, vice-president; Dr. Ludvik Fisher, secretary; Mr. Frank G. Hajicek, treasurer.

In the next few days the board of trustees will hold a meeting in which a plan for a systematic conduct of collections and securing of additional supporters will be worked out.



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THE BOHEMIAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED  
Initial Funds Amount to \$17,000

A meeting which will be memorable for the Bohemians in Chicago and perhaps in the whole United States was held last night in the pavilion of Pilsen Park at 26th Street and South Albany Avenue. The meeting was called by a group of enthusiastic, sincere, and unselfish workers united in the organization committee of the Bohemian Hospital Association of Chicago, and was attended by members of all classes of the Chicago Bohemian community.

In spite of the unfavorable weather, the pavilion was crowded with our people. They did not come to be seen, but rather to offer a helping hand and pocketbook to an effort which merits our greatest consideration. They came with the conviction that they are fulfilling an obligation not only to their nation, but also to humanity in general. If the interest and enthusiasm shown is an indication of the true feelings of our Bohemians in Chicago,





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IV (Jewish) we may be assured that the undertaking which was inaugurated by the Spolek Ceskych Lekaru (Bohemian Physicians Association) will soon be realized, and that the Bohemian colony in Chicago will have its own sanitary and successful Bohemian hospital in the very near future.

Yesterday's meeting was presided over by Mr. Karel J. Vopicka who greeted the guests as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, the purpose for which we have gathered here together today may have been conveyed to you through our newspapers. It is our endeavor to form a body which will be representative of the whole Bohemian community of Chicago, and whose duty it will be to build a Bohemian hospital. This is a beautiful, noble purpose indeed, and the fact that you have come in such large numbers is excellent proof that among us there are many good men and women with hearts of gold who bring to this undertaking not only a sober understanding but also their humane sentiments. I want to warn you now that the start will not be easy. We shall have to work hard, but the



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IV (Jewish) final victory will be that much sweeter. Chicago is a cosmopolitan city, and we know that other nationalities have succeeded in building their own hospitals here. Some of them even have two hospitals of their own. Only we Bohemians who are considered leaders among the Slavonic nations have done nothing so far in this respect. Not until now have we realized this shortcoming, but a committee on organization has already been set up, and it is working hard to accomplish this beautiful purpose for which it has collected more than \$16,000 in a short time. This sum is only a start, because there are many men who have promised additional contributions. So far none of those whom we have approached has refused, and I am sure that in the future nobody will refuse. All of us are well aware of the importance of this undertaking. Since it is purely a humane project, there is no reason why anyone should be opposed to it. For the sake of the esteem and prestige which the Bohemians enjoy in this city, we must put all our energy into this work and bespeak the continued co-operation of our newspapers to whom our highest appreciation is due for the support which they have given us up to this date."



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IV (Jewish) After the applause subsided, Dr. L. Fisher addressed the gathering:

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am speaking to you on behalf of the Spolek Ceskych Lekaru, and in addressing you, I do so with full recognition of the importance of this occasion in which I see the opening of a new era for the Bohemian groups in America. The road which the early Bohemians traveled was a rocky one indeed. The Bohemian nation was represented in America by a mere handful of families who endeavored through frequent contacts with one another to promote, foster, and strengthen national consciousness in their children. This was the first era, and the recent anniversary of our amateur theatricals reminded us that this national consciousness was awakened more than half a century ago.

"At this time, however, our main endeavor must needs be of a different character. In these days of economic misery, the concern for the coming generation, for the aged, debilitated, and sick towers like a lighthouse over the sea of



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IV (Jewish) other obligations. We have been laying the foundations for Bohemian schools, and although they are not yet as efficient as they should be--we heard something about this a few days ago in this hall from somebody who should know--we have these schools, and we shall work for their continued improvement. Also our old men and women are taken care of: they have a home in which they can spend their declining years in peace and without worry. Today we are gathered together to solve the problem of the third principal need--the building of a Bohemian hospital in Chicago.

This idea is not new. Throughout the years, various proposals have been offered and considered from time to time. But nothing came of them until the recently organized Spolek Ceskych Lekaru adopted the idea of a Bohemian hospital and appointed a committee of seven to prepare a workable plan. I am not an advocate of hero worship, but in the present case I consider it my duty here to thank these seven men for the fine work they have done. Their task is completed, and now it is up to me to issue a plea for help and co-operation on the part of our public.



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IV (Jewish) "Every year the Bohemians of Chicago and surrounding rural districts spend an enormous amount of money for hospital care--in non-Bohemian hospitals--and it would be well if this money of ours could remain in Bohemian hands. The main reason why a Bohemian hospital should be built has been explained, but there are many things that must be clarified. For instance, some people think the hospital will be free and therefore a permanent burden for the public. This is not so. The hospital will be built by public contributions and ninety per cent of the rooms will be used for paying patients, only the remaining ten per cent being reserved for the poor. In this way the hospital will become self-supporting and will retain all of its earnings. At the start there will, of course, be difficulties. But these can be overcome if a sufficient fund is secured. In Chicago alone there are 100,000 Bohemians, with many more thousands in the surrounding area. The need for a Bohemian hospital is therefore urgent. For this reason it is very sad that when collections even for such a proposal as this are taken up, one overhears the word 'beggary'. Why, all we want is a Bohemian institution to which a Bohemian would go as if it were his own home; where he would find



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IV (Jewish) a Bohemian atmosphere; and where the poor would also be well received. Where, then, is the reason for using the word 'beggary' in connection with such an institution? 'Duty' would be much more fitting. (Applause). The poor will not call it 'beggary'; they will be glad to contribute a portion of their hard-earned money. Only those who have become rich by dealing with the Bohemian people will call this proposition "beggary". It is therefore necessary to convince everybody that the hospital is really essential. The people will realize this, and they will realize that the hospital is for us and will serve us to great advantage. Let us rely on ourselves only. I am reminded of our Chapel of Gold on Vltava, our National Theater in Prague. All those who pass by this theater are filled with pride and joy over the fact that such a small nation as ours succeeded in building such a great temple of art. The contributions for it came even from the poorest people--even children emptied their little penny banks--and each stone in the structure is an evidence of the love, selflessness, and pride of these good people. May a similar enthusiasm, similar interest, and similar unselfishness awaken in us, so that our progeny will say, 'They recognized their duty



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IV (Jewish) to the public and fulfilled it in a noble way."

When the enthusiastic applause died down, Mr. John A. Cervenka, a member of the committee of seven, took the stand. He properly and justly criticized those who complain about "beggary," and then he appealed to the merchants and other businessmen for contributions to the hospital. He pointed out that this is an institution for the benefit of the public, the same public that enables their stores and other business enterprises to prosper. Then he appealed to our well-to-do countrymen, urging them to contribute according to their means. Finally he expressed the hope that it will be possible to start the building in a year, provided that everyone will co-operate to the best of his ability.

Thereafter the chairman distributed authorized collection sheets to all who asked for them. Then a collection was taken right on the premises.



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IV (Jewish) Donations and pledges up to date: Bohemian Pharmacists: \$1,100; Bohemian Physicians Association: \$1,000; Karel J. Vopicka, Mrs. J. Storkan, Frank G. Hajicek, O. Kubin, J. A. Holpuch, J. F. Stepina, Adolph J. Sabath, Pilsen Brewing Company, Atlas Brewery, J. Kralovec, Albert Lurie, E. Beranek, Pilsen Lumber Company, Garden City Brewing Company: \$500; John. A. Cervenka, Ant. J. Cermak, Frank Kirchman, California Manufacturing Company: \$300. [There are many additional donations and pledges of \$250, \$100, \$50, \$25 down to \$1, some pledging a yearly contribution of \$25, \$10, etc.]

In accordance with the motion by Mr. Stepina, a number of collection sub-committees will be appointed; and in accordance with the motion of Reverend V. Vanek the assembly rose in thanks to the organizing committee. Then the bylaws were read, and Mr. Stepina's amendment to the effect that the directors receive the right to change and amend these bylaws was adopted. A nominations committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. H. Pitte, Dr. F. Pokorny, Fr. Honsik, M. Jelinek, and Ed. J. Kvidera. This committee nominated the





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IV (Jewish) following directors: For one year: Messrs. V. J. Klaus, St. Loula, Chas. Kallal, Dr. J. Pecival, and Dr. K. Neumann. For two years: F. Hajicek, A. Cermak, and J. J. Chvatal. For three years: J. A. Cervenka, K. J. Vopicka, J. Holpuch, Dr. O. S. Pavlik, and Dr. L. Fisher.

Secretary J. J. Chvatal adjourned the meeting, and the Spolek Pro Postaveni Ceske Nemocnice V Chicagu (Bohemian Hospital Association of Chicago) was organized. A meeting of the board of directors at which permanent officers will be elected will be held next Thursday night in the offices of the Pilsen Brewery at West 26th Street and South Albany Avenue.



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TRAVELING TO BOHEMIA.

Mr. T. V. Vilim of 1620 West 22nd St. the well known pharmacist and graduate optician, who operates a first class drug-store, an Eye and Ear clinic, perfectly equiped with Roentgen Ray machines, is leaving with his wife on the 23rd of April for the old country, so as to attend the Eye and Ear clinic in Prague, for further studies. On his return to America he will again endeavor to serve our countrymen to the best of his ability in the cure of Eye and Ear troubles. After he completes the studies at Prague he expects to travel through Italy and will stop in Paris for a time, where he wishes to become acquainted with the French methods of treating the Eyes and Ears. During his absence the entire business will be conducted by an experienced pharmacist Mr. Ant. J. Jehlik with the assistance of Mr. J. Vlck and N. Stach.

Mr. Jehlik will also conduct the Eye and Ear Clinic under the supervision of professor Reigl and Dr. J. Vasumpaur experienced ouclists and aurists. Any of our countrymen who would like to obtain medicines or curative herbs from Bohemia, which cannot be obtained here, should let Mr. Vilim know before his departure and he will gladly take care of such transactions.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 20, 1922.

THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE  
[Report of the Manager]

.....You may well believe me when I say that it is a difficult task to control the comings and goings of our youngsters, there being different hours set for school attendance and different hours for their return from school. Thus there is a constant traffic between 8 A. M. and 5 P. M., and I shall endeavor to arrange things so that there might be better uniformity and regularity as regards the time for attending classes. The classes in Czech [language and history] are also in need of adjustments. Our youngsters are rather lackadaisical when it comes to attending those classes, and I have no end of trouble trying to impress them with the necessity of regular attendance. I believe, however, that the situation may be greatly improved and that a love for the Czech tongue and the Czech school may be inculcated.....

Gymnastic exercises are likewise being engaged in, and fifty-one pupils attend the Sokol Rozvoj (Development); the smaller children stay at home where they

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also have an opportunity to drill. The classes in embroidery are also in progress, and there is hope that our girls will some day become proficient in that art. One may also hear the strains of music resounding through the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage); that department is being managed by Mr. Rubringer, Mr. Hnatek (clarinet), and Mr. Coufal (piano).

I need not stress the fact that our children have time for play; much freedom is given them in that respect, and you may believe me when I say that in spite of my age I love to take part in their games. Singing, too, is practiced as is attested by the silvery voices of the children; oftentimes when I see a group of singing children I ask for the singing of a particular song, for it is their singing that brings back to me the memories of my own youth.

Nine o'clock has struck; it is evening, and silence reigns, throughout. Only the ticking of the clock is audible. Everybody in the Utulna is in deep slumber. But to be sure I make the rounds through the dormitories; here and

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there I inspect the pockets of the boys to see whether they conceal some forbidden article. From the Orphanage I pass into the Old People's Home and after ascertaining that all is well, I retire myself. By that time the hour of midnight has struck. I am up at 6 A. M. to rouse the sleepers. And thus passes the day and the routine is not greatly changed from day to day. When Sunday comes both the young and the old are on tenterhooks to greet their weekly visitors, to seek greater strength in their love.

That our appeal voiced on October 14, 1922 was heeded is now manifest in the many gifts of fruit, mushrooms, etc., which we received. Also the Czech Globe-trotters Club came to our Utulna on November 12 to bring merriment to our oldsters, and by its dramatic play to instill an appreciation of the Czech language in our children.....

I now assure you, my countrymen, that I shall continue to work for the benefits and well-being of the Utulna A Sirotecinec.....I greet you all, and

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all our inmates and wards greet you and look forward to the American Thanksgiving Day.

[Following are the names of contributors and their] gifts: Mr. Richard Velky, Clutier, Iowa, one-half gallon of honey; Mr. H. A. Vopat, 2107 59th Court, Cicero, Illinois, two winter overcoats; Mrs. Antonin Stuchlik, Algonquin, Illinois, one bushel of apples and one bushel of walnuts. Mr. P. Borek, 3028 West 26th Street, one cake....; Chicago Butchers and Packers, one barrel of sausages and wieners; Mrs. J. Schistek, one cake; Mrs. Josef Triner, one dozen bottles of the famous Triner's wine--this will be a fine remedy for our old people. The W. F. Severa Company made gifts of medicines, pills, salves, and other medical necessities; Mr. James Comohouz collected \$6.60 in our behalf at a surprise party given in honor of Mr. Samuel Ukablik by the students of the Technical High School. Mr. Josef Dusek presented us with the sum of \$150, this being the balance left from the Bohemian-American Commercial Expedition to Czechoslovakia. Other gifts will be announced later.

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Many thanks for all.

Jan Patak, manager,  
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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE  
BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The meeting was opened at the appointed hour by the president, Mr. Vojtech Suchy. The secretary, Mr. J. Lehman, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read. The Chicago Osteopathic Hospital informed the Board that in case any destitute woman needed obstetrical help, the staff of that hospital would be willing to give it upon recommendation made by the Board of the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). The offer was accepted. Mrs. Marie Tlapa, of 1820 South Ashland Avenue, made a gift of six pillows in memory of her deceased husband. They were gratefully accepted. Mr. Novy, of 1935 South Clifton Park Avenue, sent five dollars as a gift made by an anonymous lady.

Mr. Josef Mandl, of 1823 South Millard Avenue, was inducted as a new member of the Board of Delegates. He will represent the Klub Dobrovsky, a Masonic organization.....Mr. Mandl is no novice in our clubs, since for more than

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III C twenty years he has taken part in the club life [of our community].

He pledged his support of the Utulna and was then introduced to the rest of the members of the Board.

The treasurer, Mr. F. Petru, reported that the total receipts during the month of October were \$1,358.49, and that the disbursements for the same period amounted to \$2,733.71. Following the request made by a delegate, Mr. Kolar, that account be made for the money disbursed, a debate ensued in which Mr. Patak, the business manager of the Utulna, endeavored to throw light upon the situation....but the president, Mr. Suchy, cut the debate short by declaring that once disbursements are approved by the Board of Directors, nothing remains but to allow the bills to be paid. This was followed by the reading of minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors. The minutes were approved as read.

The receipts for the concert given on November 1 amounted to \$1,629.35 net, but since about one thousand tickets have not yet been returned nor otherwise

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III C      accounted for, there is hope that a few more dollars will come in, thus making the event of November 1 rather profitable.

A delegate, Mrs. Hrisny, pointed out that since Mr. Rubringer's resignation as teacher of music, the wards of the Orphanage have had no instruction, and recommended that a substitute teacher be appointed. Mr. Josef Kratochvil has consented to take charge of all music instruction for the time being.

The application for admission to the Utulna made by Mr. Frantisek Riha, as member of the Jungman Lodge of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) was approved by the investigating committee. Mr. Riha, who is seventy years old, now resides at 1653 Kimball Avenue. He will surrender the certificate of his lodge to the Utulna and, after all necessary formalities have been attended to, he will be admitted. Mr. Frank Grvessl of 3620 Southport Avenue, a native of Ronsperk near Pilsen, applied for admission to the Utulna; his case was recommended by the investigating committee but rejected by the Board of Delegates. [Translator's note: The translator of this

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III C     article is well acquainted with the part of the country from which the applicant Grvessl hails. The country around Pilsen is inhabited by Czechs and Germans, and it is quite likely that the applicant was rejected on account of his nationality. The cases of the ten-year-old boy Tomas Border, and the three-year-old girl, Ottilie Prchal, were investigated. The committee recommended that Ottilie and her sister Milada, age five years, be admitted to the Orphanage.

The Christmas season is approaching, and since the institution needs money, and since from its past experience such money has usually been supplied by charitable people, a motion was made by Mr. Petru that a committee be appointed which would mail cards to our benefactors, thus refreshing their memory. The motion was carried. There is no doubt that this year, too, as in the past, the contributions made to the Utulna will be satisfactory. The institution needs all the help it can get.

Mr. Bohumil Stastny, who is a member of the Bratraska Laska (Brotherly Love)

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III C      Lodge No. 19 of the Cesko-Slovanska Bratrská a Podporující Jednota (Czecho-Slavonic Fraternal and Benevolent Union), made an application for admission through his union. His family is willing to waive all rights as beneficiaries in his insurance policy and is willing that the Utulna be named a beneficiary instead. The Board requested the investigating committee to look the case over and report at the next meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Mandl, a committee was appointed to investigate the condition of our wards who attend the F. B. Zdrubek Bohemian Free Thought School. The following were appointed: Mr. Zrust, Mr. F. Stepanek, and Mrs. B. Lorenz. These members are to meet next Saturday and investigate the whole matter.

The meeting adjourned.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 7, 1922.

CURRENT REPORT FROM THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S  
HOME AND ORPHANAGE

.....After a full day's work I hasten to submit my report to you at midnight. It is my duty to express my thanks to Alderman Anton J. Cermak, the Democratic candidate for the office of president and member of the board of county commissioners, and to the Telocvicna Jednota Sokol Rozvoj (Gymnastic Union Sokol Rozvoj [development]) for admitting the wards of our orphanage into their institution: twenty boys and eighteen girls were thus admitted; the very young children are receiving their instruction in physical culture inside the orphanage. This was a source of great happiness to me, for it proved that our youngsters desire to build up their bodies as well as their minds and to become the proud heritage of the Czech nation and of your and our institutions. I therefore render my thanks again to the brothers of the Sokol Rozvoj for their true understanding of the meaning of the Sokol idea, and call "Nazdar!" (to success!) to them.

IV It is self-understood that gymnasium suits were required for our wards in this new experience, and since we did not have any, I turned to our alderman and Democratic candidate for the presidency of the county board, Mr. Cermak.....That is, I mailed him my request, and early next morning I received a telephone call from him permitting me to buy whatever suits, etc., were necessary for our children. You may well believe me, my countrymen, that although I know the proverbial kindness of our countryman Mr. Cermak, I did not expect such prompt action on his part, or that he would make such an immediate and unselfish contribution. I was astonished and so were the children, who stood up and shouted a prolonged "Nazdar!" Thanks to our prominent Czech who aided us in such a prompt manner.

It took a long time before quiet was established again among the children; they were so excited with joy. You may well believe that if our children were entitled to vote every one of them would vote for Mr. Cernak as president of the county board of commissioners. They would thus wish to repay his love,

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IV his kindness, and his unselfishness. They know that he would continue to make their lives more bearable.

But you, my dear countrymen, you may do that **which** my wards may not; you may vote, and therefore it is these children who now call to you: "Vote for him!" Elect such a noble and honest countryman as Mr. Cernak! Do your duty as his countrymen, as Czechs; for we are certain, in this our home, that your vote will perform miracles and that by tonight we shall hear the news, "Cernak is elected!"

Jan Patak, business manager of the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage).....

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 3, 1922.

THE ANNUAL CONCERT OF THE BOHEMIAN  
OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

Despite the rainy weather which prevailed in Chicago last Wednesday afternoon the familiar precincts of the Pilsen Park pavilion were so overcrowded by the attending well-wishers of our foremost charitable institutions--the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage)--on the occasion of the annual concert, that the managing committee was beside itself with joy. Thanks to the tireless efforts of its members and the large number of tickets mailed out by them, the concert netted a considerable amount of money which will help to fill the depleted coffers of the institution.

The program of the evening was started by Mr. F. J. Petru who, as chairman of the managing committee, gave a brief address [of welcome]. The next item on the program was a selection of musical compositions played by the

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IV Ceskoslovenska Hudebni Federace (Czechoslovak Federation of Musicians) Orchestra. This organization deserves special mention, for it gives its services gratuitously every year on the occasion of our charity concerts. The orchestral music was followed by two recitations--one in Bohemian and another in English--by two wards of our Orphanage. Both girls were richly rewarded by applause. The next number was Mr. Jiri Hrusa's violin presentation. Mr. Hrusa, who is well known by our countrymen as a violin virtuoso, played several difficult compositions by the old masters. He was followed by Miss Marie Nebozka who gained the hearts of the audience by her splendid recitation of one of Jan Neruda's ballads. Then came the eagerly awaited performance by the Orphanage boys' orchestra. The boys, besides playing the national anthem, gave renditions of various songs and were loudly acclaimed.

After a brief intermission the program continued. Most of the artists who performed during this second part of the program were well-known people. Mrs. Schnabl, an opera singer from Domazlice, and only recently arrived in

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IV Chicago, sang an aria from B. Smetana's opera "Libuse," accompanied on the piano by her son; Mrs. Ottilie Splavec, who greatly enriched the program by her dramatic recitation of a poem; and Miss Helena Fris, who gave a splendid piano solo. Then the youthful Helena Zajicek danced two ballet numbers, Miss Fris accompanying her on the piano.

Mr. Anton J. Cermak, who is a candidate for the office of president of the County Board of Commissioners, was then introduced to the audience. The sympathetic applause which greeted Mr. Cermak was proof of how well liked this leader of Chicago liberals is by our own countrymen. His brief address given in Czech and in English brought forth a storm of applause. Similarly warm plaudits greeted Mr. Josef Mendl who is a candidate for the office of member of the County Board of Commissioners.

The last number on the program was performed by Mr. Evzen De Rubini whose

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efforts were also gratefully received. Thus ended the program which fully satisfied the attending public.

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A CONCERT GIVEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDIGENT  
OLD PEOPLE AND ORPHANS

The Sbor Utulny A Sirotcince (board of delegates to the Bohemian Old Peoples Home and Orphanage) arranges a concert every year for the benefit of the inmates of that institution. An opportunity is thus given to our charitable people to contribute in small amounts to this very important cause, and at the same time to be pleasantly entertained. Consequently it is not so much a sacrifice to be placed on the altar of charity by paying admission to a fine concert.

This evening will mark the ninth annual concert given by the Utulna. The affair will take place in the Pilsen Park pavilion, West 26th Street and Albany Avenue, and it is desirable that the spacious pavilion hall be well filled by our public. The entertainment committee, which worked very hard to make the concert a success, prepared the following program:

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1. Orchestra music. 2. Arias from Bizet's "Carmen" and Smetana's "Hubicka" (Kiss); Celansky's song "Kdo zapomina" (Who Forgets?), sung by Mrs. Marie Havelka with piano accompaniment by Miss Aloisie Dittert. 3. An address in the Czech language by Miss Vlasta Stipek, a ward of the Orphanage. 4. Orchestra music. 5. An address in English by Anna Burian, a ward of the Orphanage. 6. A violin solo by Jiri Hrusa. 7. A Czech poem, recited by Marie Nebozka, a ward of the Orphanage. 8. The boys' orchestra of the Orphanage. 9. Orchestra music. 10. Ballet number by Miss Helen Hajicek. 11. Piano solo by Miss Helen Frish. 12. Poem recited by Mrs. Ottilie Splavec. 13. The boys' orchestra. 14. A musical number by the sons of Mr. Solar. 15. Orchestra music. 16. Speech by the Alderman Mr. Anton J. Cermak. 17. Orchestra music. 18. Telepathic experiment demonstrated by Mr. DeRubini [a Czech stage celebrity] 19. Orchestra music.

The concert begins sharply at 8 P.M. Let us hope that the attendance will be large which will be a **proof** that the Czechoslovaks of Chicago know how to

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honor an institution to which they may point with pride.

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REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE  
BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

Having been requested by the board of directors of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) to accept the position of business manager of that institution, I hesitated at first; for to leave my old position as a business manager of a lithograph company, a position which was a steady one, with an assured future, was a considerable step to take. In short, it was difficult to make a decision. After having discussed the matter at some length with the directors and with my wife, the love for my fellow men won me over, and I decided to accept the offer made by the board, and to help those people who need help most, and who return love for love bestowed upon them....

Since the attitude of my wife was the same as mine I went to join that institution in which parentless and friendless children are being cared for; where a love for their fellow men and a love for their country is being inoculated in them; where they also receive training which will make them useful citizens.

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I went also to join the aged inmates of that same institution, the "superannuated" fathers and mothers who come here to seek rest.....My heart beat fast when I entered the portals of the institution and saw both the aged and the parentless,....I promised them all that I would love them and help them. It was hard for me to hold back the tears which filled my eyes, and not wishing to cause them pain by such a show of emotion, I left them hurriedly to betake myself to the place where my actual work was to begin. I sat down at my desk and looked at the book containing the names of our self-sacrificing people; and while viewing this record I realized that I too am to bring in as many sacrifices as possible. I am glad that I accepted the position, and that I shall have an opportunity to help those who need help.

That the Czech people really care for their countrymen who are inmates of this institution is manifested by the gifts received by the Utulna during the month of August and up to September 22, 1922. I take this opportunity to publish

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the list of benefactors for the period stated above, and ask all those whose names and gifts do not appear, due to some oversight, to let me know.

Our people also take great interest in the entertainment of all our inmates. Thus, for instance, the inmates of the Sirotcinec-- 36 boys and 20 girls-- were taken by Miss Anna Lorenz, their nurse, to see a ball game at Cubs Park, and all expenses associated with this were borne by Mr. Otto Pelikan, 2600 South Lawndale Avenue, Mr. Frank Kohout, 3634 West 26th Street, and Mr. Anton J. Cermak. These gentlemen also provided the refreshments for these children. The management of the Utulna hereby expresses its thanks for their great kindness. There were other ways in which our people have shown their interest in the welfare of our little ones. On "Cermak's Day" a huge cake was delivered to the Sirotcinec; we cut it into 100 parts thus having enough cake for all the children.....The children and the management are most grateful for this gift, especially to Mr. Kvidera who came at such a late hour to deliver the delicacy. Here follows a list of contributors and the amounts contributed.

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The list is one-eleventh of a column long, the total amount of contributions made being \$175.39.7 Mrs. Anna Karas, 2252 South Clifton Park Avenue donated some old clothing....; Mrs. Bily of 3024 West 26th Street donated five pillows, one dozen blankets, three pairs of slippers, ten pairs of men's underwear, fourteen shirts, four aprons, two women's jackets, one winter overcoat, and one topcoat. I thank you all in the name of the board of directors of the Utulna.

Jan Patak,  
Business Manager

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A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DELEGATES TO THE  
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The meeting was opened at the usual time by President Suchy. Since Mrs. Bozena Krabec, secretary of the board, was absent, the minutes were read by Mrs. Ruzena Lorenc. Before the delegates had a chance to approve or disapprove the minutes, Mr. Lehmann arose and announced that Mr. Fiser, the former business manager of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was present at this meeting, and that he desired to answer to the accusations made against him during the two previous meetings of the board. Mr. Zrust recommended that the board continue in its proceedings and defer Mr. Fiser's case till the end of the meeting....The minutes were approved as read. Mrs. Bozena Krabec's letter of resignation was read. In it [the secretary] announced that she was obliged to resign because of lack of time at her disposal, but that she would always co-operate with the board, attend its meetings, and take part in the tag day activities of the Utulna....On a motion made by Mr. L. Pinc, it was recommended that Mrs. Krabec's resignation be not accepted, and

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that a committee be appointed which would investigate the reasons for her resignation. Since this motion was carried by fourteen votes, the president appointed a committee whose duty it will be to call on Mrs. Krabec and ascertain the causes of and the reasons for her resignation. The president appointed Mesdames Vrchotka and Podolak and Mr. Lehman to serve on the committee. These three are to report on this matter at the next meeting of the board.

Radbuza Lodge No. 11 of the Cesko-Slovanska Jednota (Czecho-Slavonic Union) requested that the children of Antonin Janda, 2014 South Throop Street, be admitted to the Orphanage. The children are Anna, age 10 years, and Edward, age 7 years, and, according to the statement made by the Jednota, the father of these children would be willing to pay the necessary fees for their upkeep. The mother of these children has been committed to the state hospital for the insane at Dunning, Illinois, and their father is unable to give them sufficient care. At present they are living with their grandmother. Since recommendations were made that immediate action be taken in this case, the president

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pointed out that children are admitted to the Orphanage, depending on the merits in each case, as speedily as possible. It was decided that the investigating committee should handle the case and make recommendations.

Mr. Rudolf Rubringer informed the board by letter that he will be unable to give music lessons to the children of the Orphanage because he does not have time for this activity. The present business manager of the Utulna sent a letter of resignation to the board. Mr. Anthony Smith [the business manager] claimed in this letter that the institution lacks sufficient help, that its morale is thereby affected, and lastly, that the salary he receives is too low. He would, therefore, like to be absolved of his present duties as manager by October 1, 1922. Because matters of this kind belong rightfully to the board of directors, the letter and the subject it dealt with were referred to that board. The debate which followed this subject was interrupted by the president who declared that the board of directors would handle it.

All bills for the first half of 1922 were approved as presented. Mr. Trnka,

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secretary of the board of directors, who previously handed in his resignation, was asked to reconsider this matter and not resign. The president was sorry to announce in this meeting that Mr. Trnka has not reconsidered.

Rules relating to the reserve fund, which were discussed in a previous meeting, were read by the secretary and approved by a two-third's majority. According to the report made by the public accountant, the receipts of the Utulna for the first half of 1922 were \$21,240.11. There was \$14,650.13 in the treasury; the total, therefore, was \$35,890.24. The disbursements for the same period amounted to \$30,633.57. The total property of the Utulna A Sirotecinec was valued at \$187,748.47. A bindery bill of \$85, payable to Mr. Soukup....was approved.

Mrs. Marie Zeman requested that Edward, age 11 years, be admitted to the Orphanage. His mother is willing to pay for his upkeep. This case was settled favorably. Mrs. Marie Chmelir, age 73 years and residing at 2829 South

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Spaulding Avenue, desired to be admitted to the Old People's Home. This case was referred to the investigating committee. The application of Mrs. Barbora Balej is to be investigated by the proper committee which is to report at the next meeting.

Mr. F. J. Petru, reporting for the entertainment committee, announced that all preparations and arrangements for a concert to be given on November 1, 1922, are in full swing. The musicians' union is to be invited to take part in this concert by furnishing an orchestra. The concert is to be given in the Pilsen Park pavilion. At its last sixth convention, the Sesterska Podporujici Jednota (Bohemian Sisterhood) made a contribution of \$70 to the Utulna as follows: \$50 to the institution, \$10 to its music fund, and \$10 in honor of two deceased sisters--A. Vodak and Belan--in lieu of flower offerings.

Mr. Petru recommended that when hiring the next business manager for the Utulna, attention should be paid to the qualifications of his wife who would act as co-manager. It would be desirable that she be possessed of a knowledge

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of Bohemian as well as of English, that she have some knowledge of bookkeeping--these qualifications enabling her to have dealings with American people as well as Bohemians. She would also be able to send receipts to contributors in either language. Mrs. Marek moved that each society or other organization delegate one member, preferably a businessman; the delegates thus assembled could form a committee which, in co-operation with the board of directors, would do away with all of the deficiencies arising in the institution because of insufficient personnel. The children often look unkempt; at least they are not as neat as they should be; the old apparel donated to the institution is not repaired, and one cannot expect the old folks that have come to the Utulna to find rest and surcease from daily activities, to run the institution. The committee, as suggested, would endeavor to put things in order and remove all shortcomings. The motion made by Mrs. Marek was favorably received and supported, although it caused quite a debate among the delegates which lasted for some time until quieted down by the diplomacy of the president. Mr. Suchy [the president] pointed out the unselfish attitudes and activities of the

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members of the board of directors who always worked without monetary compensation, and never expected any pay, and who are now willing to continue that work as unselfishly as before. Some delegates, [said the president], think that the proposed [new] "advisory board" could not be better qualified and perform better work than the present board of directors which is composed of competent individuals. The Utulna [that is, its board of directors] knows what is amiss; the board knows full well its shortcomings; it is fully aware of the fact that its personnel is insufficient, but the [present] financial status of the institution does not permit the hiring of additional employees to supply such a lack, and merely to elect or appoint a new advisory board would not help matters, but an unselfish and tireless endeavor on the part of the members of the board of directors will.

[As previously indicated in this report], Mr. Fiser, the former business manager of the institution, attended this meeting to answer to the accusations aimed at him, or rather, to clear up whatever misunderstandings

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might have existed in the minds of the delegates concerning his managing of the institution. Mr. Fiser asked that he be given full credit for the hardships and troubles he had experienced in running the institution, and that it is an obvious injustice to prefer any charges against him. He asked that he be given a vote of confidence. Mr. Suchy, in answering this request, stated that he never made any accusations as to Mr. Fiser's honesty; in fact, that he could never accuse him of dishonesty. He merely had in mind the welfare of the institution when the rather steep bill [for certain hardware supplies] was presented for payment. He never accused and never could accuse anybody of dishonesty, and under less trying conditions and with a greater calmness this or other unpleasantnesses could have been avoided.

The meeting adjourned after 11 P. M.

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DELEGATES TO THE  
BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME  
AND ORPHANAGE

The regular meeting of....the delegates to the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was held last night in the lower hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) on May and West 18th Streets. The meeting, which was not well attended, was presided over by Mr. Vojtech Suchy. Immediately after the opening of the meeting, Delegate Lehman gained the floor and asked why all the officers were not in their accustomed places; the said officers took the hint and seated themselves accordingly. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved\*as read by the secretary, Mrs. Bozena Brabec. The reading of correspondence followed. The Order of the Ceska Narodni Osveta cislo 58 (Bohemian National Culture No. 58), of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies, announced the appointment of its new delegate, Mr. K. Klimunda. That gentleman was properly welcomed. The next letter was from the Patronat (Board of Managers)

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III C of the Ceska Svobodomyslna Skola, F. B. Zdrubek (F.B. Zdrubek Bohemian Free Thought School) of Irving Park, asking for a decision on the question of teaching the inmates of the Sirotcinec. After listening to the remarks of the delegates Mr. Rada, Mrs. Rek, and Mrs. Hrisny, the request of the Zdrubek School was granted. In answer to the request of the Patronat that a delegate of the Utulna be sent to the meeting of the Patronat, it was maintained that the Utulna never sends its delegates anywhere, and cannot grant that request.....Then, to the great astonishment of all present, a letter of resignation from the secretary of the board of directors, Mr. Josef Trnka, was read. The president, in the name of the board of directors, stated he was sorry to see Mr. Trnka go, for that gentleman was an industrious and hardworking officer, and he expressed his hope that Mr. Trnka would reconsider the matter and recall his resignation. The matter was discussed by the delegates Lehman, Zrust, and Mrs. Gruenwald, and it was decided that the president should try to have Mr. Trnka change his mind, so that he would remain in office at least until the end of the year.

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III C     The next item was the reading of bills for the past month. The president....then stated that in view of the fact that there had been no meeting of the board of directors in July, he personally had examined these bills and found them to be correct with one exception. This was a bill for \$151.59 made out by Mr. Fottr, owner of a hardware and paint store. The store is in the vicinity of the Utulna, on Crawford Avenue, and the purchases were made by Mr. Fischer, the former business manager of our institution. During the past three months the business manager is said to have purchased about five hundred dollars worth of supplies which now cannot be found. When Mr. Fottr was asked about this bill he stated that after having made the purchases, Mr. Fischer had requested that the amount of the invoice be split up into three parts, one part to be billed each month, in order that the whole amount might not seem too conspicuous. Mr. Fottr, of course, agreed to do this and delivered the goods. The office expenses, too, were found to be disproportionately high by Mr. Suchy; the items listed being carfare, postage and sundries.

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III C      Following the discussion of these matters, the bills were approved and it was announced that in the future these matters should be handled differently. Mrs. Marie Svach, reporting for the entertainment and concert committees, stated that the merchants should be notified through our daily press to the effect that our ladies will be calling on them to ask them to purchase advertising space on the printed program. This was approved. The investigation committee reported that it was compelled to reject the application for admission of the seventy-one-year-old Josef Taborsky, for the reason that the applicant has well-to-do children who are able to care for their aged parent.

The Order of Caslav No. 205 of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies asked by letter to have four children admitted into the institution. They are the children of one of their members, a Mr. Josef Hasek of 3238 South Kedzie Avenue. The society stated that the mother of the aforesaid children is mentally unbalanced and is at present committed to the [State] institution for the insane at Dunning, Illinois. It was decided to admit these children through the medium of the juvenile court, and it was ordered that the Order of Caslav be informed

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III C accordingly. The investigation committee then received the application of the nine-year-old Anna Danes, whose mother is a widow and earning her living by doing domestic work.

The president then announced that the semi-annual financial report was to have been submitted in this meeting, but that Mr. Fischer whose duty it was to do so, and who promised on his word of honor to have the report ready, failed to keep his promise. When the president reminded him of the promise by telephone, Mr. Fischer is said to have answered that his connections with the institution and with him [the president,] have ceased to exist, and that, if he is to render such a report, he must be paid to do so. The president stated further that the monthly financial report for July was likewise not ready. Mr. Soukup, who was formerly the business manager of the Utulna, and Mr. Suchy also announced that Mr. Fischer left all the books, etc., in great disorder. Delegate Lehman then suggested that it was not necessary to accuse the absent Mr. Fischer, the former business manager, and that it would be

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better to wait until the next regular meeting of the board of delegates, at which meeting Mr. Fischer will also be present, as a delegate of his own society. Notwithstanding the above suggestion, and on motion made by Mr. Petru, it was decided to have a three-man committee appointed which would call on Mr. Fischer and bring these affairs into order. The members of this committee were Messrs. Petru, Lehman, and Charvat.

The disbursements for the past month were \$1,908. Since there were no entries showing the amounts received, it is impossible to report what the receipts were for the same period.

The new business manager, Mr. Anthony Smith, was then introduced to the delegates and the meeting ended.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 5, 1922.

A REPORT OF THE BOHEMIAN CRECHE AND KINDERGARTEN

The management of the Besidka A Detska Opatrovna (Bohemian kindergarten and Creche) wishes to thank all the organizations, unions, orders, lodges, and clubs which purchased tickets to the theatrical performance "Palacek" (Punch), given on April 26, 1922, in the hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czechoslovakian Benevolent Societies) on 18th and May Streets. The support of these organizations made possible the financial success of the performance. [Translator's note: The names of the organizations and the amount contributed by each are given. The total money collected for tickets was \$136.]

The management of the Besidka also thanks all the merchants whose ads appeared on the program, and the general public for its attendance. It is grateful to all and sundry who, in any way, made possible the presentation of the play..... For the management of the Besidka, Mrs. Julia Pinc, chairwoman.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 27, 1922.

NEWS FROM THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

Thanks to the well-known Bohemian merchant, Mr. Karel Mrizek, owner of the Atlas Baking Company [a Bohemian business concern], the inmates of the Orphanage of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) now have a most excellent radio....Its reception is such that it may be comfortably heard by two hundred people, which is the capacity of our playroom. By his gift, Mr. Mrizek earned our undying gratitude, and we hope to be able to show that gratitude to him when an opportunity arises....The children, who never heard a radio performance before, stood around open-mouthed, wondering from whence the sounds issued. In spite of my explanation, it was hard for them to understand the principles of [this kind of] device; but they were satisfied with the fact that it "sings and plays nicely"....The larger boys now come to me with their requests to listen to it; they want to know the baseball scores particularly. This very fact is of great value to our little sportsmen. Our Sirotcinec has

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its own Sox baseball team in honor of the Chicago White Sox....

Another very heartening piece of news is the completion of the children's playground which was well equipped with up-to-date apparatus such as trapeze, climbing pole, circular ring, tennis court, and a space reserved for baseball. There are three swings and a toboggan for the use of our tots. The playground was projected and put into use by our expert countryman, Mr. Miles Navlicek, who is the athletic director of the Hamilton Club and a former instructor at the Carl Schurz High School. The cost of the installation, etc., was borne by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sirotcinec. These ladies work tirelessly for the welfare of our inmates. Their activities cannot be disposed of by a few well chosen words, and those who have had a chance to watch their work knows their exemplary self-sacrificing efforts. The inmates will get new clothing on Memorial Day, thanks again to these ladies....

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In the name of our orphans, I thank you, ladies.....

Bohumil Fiser, business manager of the Utulna a  
Sirotcinec.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 21, 1922.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE UTULNA A SIROTCINEC  
Report for August 1, 1921 to January 31, 1922

Leaving out such items as are read in the regular meetings of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), and therefore known to our readers, we report only such items as may be found interesting....

The balance from the preceeding half year, was \$1,025.23; income during the present half year, \$26,891.40; total, \$27,916.63; disbursements during the present half year, \$13,266.50....

The assets are as follows: buildings, grounds, and equipment, \$153,608.55; musical instruments, \$201.37 various bonds, \$3,346.79; money receivable from various debtors, \$2,109.43; loan to building and loan association, \$8,000; balance in treasury, \$14,650.13; total assets, \$181,916.27.

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The liabilities are as follows: loan, \$210; property sold, \$3,000; sinking fund, \$20,979.60; clear property, \$148,472.37; total liabilities, \$181,916.27. During the past year the property value increased by \$9,254.30....

At the present time there are ninety-one inmates in the Orphanage and thirty-five in the Old People's Home.

To the financial [and other] report we add the following: The aims of every working member of the Utulna are beautiful and exalted. To lose one's home and parents, to become an orphan is a painful experience which could be recited by many a child who found shelter in our institution....Had they not found such shelter here, the chances are that these children would be buffeted by fate in the cold outside world, suffering and bewailing their sad state. Not so in our Sirotcinec; here all these children are treated alike, each has his allotted place, and all of them live in love and harmony. The youngsters attend an American public school, and on Saturdays and Sundays they attend the Ceska

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Svobodomyslna Skola F. B. Zdrubek (Bohemian Free Thought School, F. B. Zdrubek) in which, under the guidance of Mrs. Raeck, they learn Bohemian and study the history of Bohemia, thus having implanted in their hearts a love for their mother tongue. In addition, the girls who live in our institution devote some definite portion of their....time to home industries such as embroidering and all kinds of handiwork. A music school was organized for them in which they are able to devote some of their time to the study of music....

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REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

The regular monthly meeting of the board of delegates to the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was held last night in the lower hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies), 18th and May Streets. Many delegates and representatives of the various societies were present....The meeting was opened shortly after 8 P. M. by Mr. Vojtech Suchy, the president. Mrs. Ruzena Lorenc read the minutes of the previous meeting in the absence of the regular secretary, Mrs. Bozena Krabec. The minutes were approved as read. This was followed by the reading of a few letters. The Pilsen Court No. 12, of the Cesko-Americki Lesnici (Bohemian-American Foresters) announced the appointment of its representative to the Utulna, Mr. John Bilek of Brookfield, Illinois. The secretary of the board of delegates of the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov (Bohemian National Cemetery), Mr. V. A. Filip, inquired by letter whether the inmates of the Orphanage, Miss Vlasticka Stipek and Miss Marenka Otahal, will be able to recite some

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Bohemian and English poems at the Memorial Day services at the cemetery. (The president indicated, while this letter was being read, that the matter had already been settled at the meeting of the board of directors, and that the two girls will take part in the program.) Mrs. Metta Studt, of 4610 North Keystone Avenue informed the board that she has taken Frank Stepanek, an inmate of the Sirotcinec, into her home, and that she will make reports to the business manager of the Sirotcinec. Mr. Frank J. Petru announced that the Cesky Poplatnický Spolek V Cicero (Bohemian Taxpayers' Association of Cicero, Illinois) sent \$10 to the Utulna, and that it appointed as its delegate the former justice of the peace, Mr. Josef Langer.

After the reading of the above-mentioned letters, the office manager, Mr. Fischer, read the bills for the past month, from which it appeared that receipts amounted to \$1,190.30 and disbursements totaled \$2,051.45.

The investigation committee reported that it is investigating the application of Mr. Louis Bratich, 449 North Harding Avenue, who asked that his children

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be taken into the Sirotcinec. It was found that the applicant remarried, and that, therefore, his application cannot be considered. The tag day committee reported that it is unable as yet to give the results of the collections made on that day for the benefit of all of the orphanages of Chicago among which our Sirotcinec is included. Hope was expressed, however, that the results will be satisfactory. [Translator's note: The names of several contributors who made gifts to the Utulna are omitted in translation. The total thus received was \$30.7] Mr. F. J. Petru reported....that he received \$2,060.00 after cashing the West Side Hospital bonds which were given to the Utulna by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fucik. Mr. Petru also collected \$220 in interest on a loan made to the societies Hrad Rabi (Castle Rabi) and Jan Huss.

Since it will soon be necessary to make preparations for an annual concert for the benefit of the Utulna, President Suchy appointed an entertainment committee, the members of which are the following: Messrs. F. J. Petru, A. Charvat, Jakub Janda, and Mesdames A. Brychta, Frentiska Kolar, M. Svacha, A. Kasandr. A motion was made by the chairman of this committee, Mr. Petru,

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that no solicitations be made for advertisements on programs to be printed for this occasion. Instead of ads usually solicited every merchant will be asked to buy four tickets to the concert.

An interesting feature of the concert will be an orchestra composed of the inmates of the Sirotcinec. Mrs. E. Hrisny and Miss Scheffl reported that the Delnický Pevecký Sbor (Bohemian Workingmen's Singing Society) intends to give a concert for the benefit of the Utulna on the second Wednesday in June at the Carter H. Harrison High School. The said Society was gladly given permission to sponsor the concert. At the same time all the delegates promised to be helpful in selling the tickets for that occasion.

At this juncture Mr. Josef Trnka, secretary of the executive committee arrived and read the minutes of his committee. The minutes revealed that applications for admitting the three children of Mr. Stepan Halek were accepted. The children are: Rolland, aged six and one-half years, Helen, aged four and

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one-half years, and Raymond, aged three and one-half years. These children were recommended by the committee and admitted to the institution after their father obliged himself to do his duties. The children, Ondrej and Michal Makr, of Cicero, Illinois were admitted into our institution under the same conditions.

The board of delegates approved the payment of \$25 to the secretary of the board of directors for various expenses for the year 1922. The building committee submitted a plan for various repairs to be made, such as painting, straightening of the sidewalks, etc. The making of these repairs was approved. The building and grounds now seem to be in good shape, and by May 30 (Memorial Day) the entire property of our institution will be in perfect order. Mr. Charvat, our architect, was given orders to furnish estimates for the building of a swimming pool for our children. This he will do at the next meeting when the contractors' bids will also be studied, contracts awarded, and the work begun. The expenses for this will be borne by the ladies auxiliary of the

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Pilsen Brewing Company, and the expenses of installing a locker room will be paid by Mrs. Antonie Cervenka as a memorial to her father, Mr. Bolek.

Our children attended an exhibit made by the pupils of the Haugen School, and are now working on a similar exhibit themselves. Our orchestra is diligently rehearsing now, and will on some future occasion be able to show samples of its activity.

The Utulna needs a house physician, and it was decided, therefore, to make an agreement with Dr. Stulik, Jr., who will receive a monthly salary of one hundred dollars. The said doctor is to visit our institutions regularly, and is to take care of the health of our inmates. The contract, which was drawn by our legal representative between the Kaspar State Bank and our institutions, and which concerned the matter of a reserve fund, was read and approved by the board of directors, and its approval recommended to the board of delegates.

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It was decided to organize a Bohemian Sunday school for the children of the Sirotcinec. The classes will be conducted on Sunday afternoons in the dining hall of the Utulna. The teacher will be appointed by the Sdruzeni Svobodomyslnych Skol (Federation of Bohemian Free Thought Schools). The board of directors of our institutions will take part in the Memorial Day celebration at the Bohemian National Cemetery where our children are to recite poems, etc. A radio set was ordered for the use of the Orphanage. It will be one of the best and will be installed at the expense of Mr. Mrizek, president of the Mrizek Bakery Company....The pharmacist, Mr. Pelikan, donated a number of medical and pharmaceutical supplies. Mr. August Geringer donated linens valued at \$100 for the room which bears his name. Mrs. Rinn donated carpets, hospital and other equipment. The Cesko-Slovanska Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Union) contributed \$25.02....At the present time the Old people's home has thirty-seven inmates while the Orphanage has ninety-one.

After the reading of the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors,

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the proposed contract between the Kaspar State Bank and the Utulna came up for discussion....A lengthy debate ensued in which Messrs. Petru, Kubecek, Soukup, David, Langer, Lehmann, Illich, Zrust, Rada, and Suchy and Mrs. Brychta took part. It was decided that the matter should be left in the hands of the executive committee....According to the submitted draft of the contract the bank is to become a trustee of a fund amounting to \$20,000. Its trusteeship is to last for ten years, or until such time when the fund will reach the sum of \$50,000. The bank proposes to use the money received from the Utulna for the purchase of government and municipal bonds and other gilt-edged securities, and receive for its services one eighth of one per cent. (We shall publish the full text of the contract after both parties have definitely agreed to enter into it.)

This was followed by a discussion for the good of our institutions. Mr. Illich offered to take the two heifer calves owned by the Utulna to the cattle market and sell them for \$80. Should he not be successful in getting that amount of money, he would make good the difference from his own pocket. Mr. Lehmann

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opined that it would be better to slaughter the animals and use their meat in the kitchens of the Utulna. He promised to provide both a butcher and a sanitary inspector for that purpose, but after a brief debate it was decided to carry the motion made by Mr. Illich. The office manager then read a report on last month's receipts and disbursements.

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REPORT OF THE BESÍDKA A OPATROVNA

./ Translator's note: The list of names of contributors and the amount that each contributed to the Besídka a Opatrovna (Bohemian Creche and Kindergarten) is omitted in translation. The donations totaled \$168.7

The management of the Besídka a Opatrovna takes this opportunity to thank all the Czechoslovak organizations, as well as all individuals, for their support, and requests them to continue their favors.

For the management of the Besídka a Opatrovna,

Mrs. Julia Pinc, Chairwoman  
Mrs. Theresa Tumpa, Secretary

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The meeting of the Sbor Ceske Utulny a Sirotcince (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage of Chicago) was held in the lower hall of the Czechoslavonic Benevolent societies, 18th and May Streets. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Vojtech Suchy, at 8 P. M. sharp. The secretary, Mrs. R. Krabec, then read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read. The reading of communications, of which there were only a few this time, followed.

The Svobodna Obec (Bohemian Free Thought Community) sent an invitation to a celebration honoring the memory of Frantisek B. Zdrubek. The celebration will be held on September 11, at the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov (Bohemian National Cemetery). The celebration will be under the auspices of the Svobodna Obec

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and the Sbor Ceskeho Narodniho Hrbítova (Bohemian National Cemetery Association). The Sbor Ceske Utulny a Sirotcince was requested also to grant permission to the children of the institution to attend the celebration in a body, and to permit one of the children of the institution to recite a fitting poem.

The Milada z Dube Lodge sent a contribution of \$1.50. A letter containing \$7.50 was received and read. The sum represents the proceeds of a collection made at a surprise party given in honor of Mrs. Schlesinger. The Sokolky (Women Sokols) of the Sokol Berwyn presented their new delegate, Mrs. Anna Huml. The family of the architect, Mr. A. Charvat, chairman of the board of directors of Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec, sent \$10 instead of flowers for their late friend, Mr. Jan Kryl. The receipt of a letter, signed by some half dozen citizens, requesting that the institution be open to visitors twice a week, was acknowledged. At the same time it was remarked that the letter came too late because such a system has already been established by the superintendent, Mr. J. Bukovsky.

The reading of bills received during the past month then followed. Without

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exception all the bills were approved and ordered paid.

Various committees and officers then presented their reports, and one of the most interesting was the report of the music committee. The committee, through its chairman, Mr. Vojtech Suchy, announced that the teaching of music in our institution, under the direction of the well-known band leader, Mr. Rudolph Rubringer, has begun. The committee also announced that the Bohemian Lodge No 943 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which Mr. Frank S. Novak is the master, collected and sent to the institution musical instruments which were donated by patrons of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec. [List of those who donated instruments is omitted in translation.]

The minutes of the meeting of the board of directors, held August 5, were read. The minutes were written by the secretary, Mr. Joseph Trnka, and read as follows:

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"The superintendent, Mr. J. Bukovsky announced a gift of \$500 from Mr. Joseph Dusek. Of this sum, \$200 was a personal gift of Mr. and Mrs. Dusek, and the sum of \$250 was the gift of the commission house, Joseph Dusek and Company. This money shall be used for the establishment of a playroom in the Orphanage. Credit for securing the gift should be given to the superintendent of the institution. The money will be paid out toward the end of this year, but we can already secure credit for all that is necessary. The superintendent will try to secure additional patrons to supply the full amount needed for the establishment of the playroom.

"The report that a seamstress, to mend the garments in the institution, was employed at the Orphanage last month, was acknowledged. The seamstress was hired and paid by the Krouzek Dam Ceskeho Sirotcince (Ladies' Aid of the Bohemian Orphanage), which organization deserves recognition for the work done in behalf of the children of our institution.

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"The children were treated to a puppet show, popcorn, and similar things at the picnic of the Grand Lodge of the Bohemian Slavonic Union, which was held in the near-by picnic grounds. The children, upon the request of the committee of the Grand Lodge, were admitted to the picnic grounds for a short period of time so that our people could get acquainted with the inmates of our institution.

"The superintendent's report regarding the Halberstat children was considered. The parents of these children are divorced and both were suing for the right of possession of the children. The court ordered that the superintendent give the children to the mother who should have brought them before the court and then back to the institution. The children were given to the mother but, so far, they have not been brought back. The matter was reported to the judge and it is up to the judge now to take further necessary steps. The superintendent reported that Mr. Victor Kubl trimmed and set the hair of the girls of the institution and, inasmuch as he is an expert in his profession, we can not do otherwise than express to him our appreciation. Dr. Viska and

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Dr. Dedic, dentists, performed the necessary dental work free of charge. Inasmuch as proper dental care is a part of the program which was recommended at the last meeting by the committee of physicians, the report was gladly taken into consideration, and a resolution was passed that letters of thanks be sent to both these dentists.

"The Orphan's Automobile Day Association requested in its communication that the children of our Orphanage be permitted to participate in an excursion which is arranged for August 31. This excursion is an annual affair of the said Association, and inasmuch as we have heretofore permitted our children to participate, they should be allowed to go on this occasion also.

"The superintendent reported that a certain Mr. Frank Sloup has two children in the institution, and that he, for a long time, has been in arrears with his payments. The superintendent stated also that Mr. Sloup, although constantly reminded of his duty, either had some excuse or did not answer

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at all. The same may be said of a certain Mr. Karbsicky, who has three children in the institution. The board of directors ordered the superintendent to return the children to their fathers if the payments are not made in a week's time. The motion of Mrs. M. Urbanek, that the children of any father or mother who is more than a month in arrears with their payments be returned to them without further action, was carried.....

"During the past month there were eighty-seven children and thirty-one aged men and women, a total of one hundred and eighteen inmates, in the institution. During the past month ten children left the orphanage and five children accepted.

"Mr. Pechar announced that he was willing to buy a piece of land called the Spice (Point), but the matter was postponed for one month. It was also announced that the annual concert, which will be given for the benefit of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec, will be held October 5 in the Pilsen Park pavilion. The financial report was made and the meeting adjourned."

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THE MEETING OF THE SBOR CESKE UTULNY A SIROTCINEC

The regular monthly meeting of the sbor Ceske Utulny a Sirotcinec v Chicagu (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage Association of Chicago) was held last night in the Czechoslavonic Benevolent Societies' Hall, 18th and May Streets. The meeting was attended by many delegates. The minutes of the previous meeting ~~were~~ approved as read.

The reading of communications followed. Washington Lodge No. 22 of the Czechoslavonic Fraternal Benevolent Union sent its quarterly dues amounting to \$6.75. The relatives of Mr. Ferdinand Wimr announced that the application for his acceptance in the institution was withdrawn.....

The treasurer, Mr. Frank Petru, reported that the F. Pechar and Son Company, a stonecutting establishment, would be willing to buy the piece of land called Spice (The Point), owned by the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec, and produced a check for \$200 as a deposit. The report caused a heated debate. This unfortunate matter has been dragging along from the meetings of the Sbor Ceske Utulny

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a Sirotcinec to the meetings of the Sbor Ceskeho Narodniho Hrbítova (Board of Delegates to the Bohemian National Cemetery Association) for several months and the delegates of both associations cannot come to an understanding. The most discouraging fact in this matter is that the majority of the members are delegates to both these associations and that none of them can give a satisfactory explanation. The majority of the delegates to the Sbor Ceske Utulny a Sirotcinec believed that the entire piece of land was offered for sale to the Sbor Ceskeho Narodniho Hrbítova, but in the meetings of the Cemetery Association only the Spice was discussed and the board of directors of that Association refused to buy because of its uselessness. And because of this misunderstanding much valuable time was uselessly spent and several personal attacks were made with the result that several good workers, who worked for the benefit of both these institutions, will turn in their resignations.

After a heated debate in which many delegates took part the situation cleared up. A mistake was made and as the chairman of the Sbor Ceske Utulny a Sirotcinec, Mr. J. Suchy, admitted that the mistake was made by the Sbor Ceske

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Utulny a Sirotcinec because the offer regarding the sale of the said piece of land was not sent to the Sbor Ceskeho Narodniho Hrbtova officially but through private channels. Mr. Suchy recommended that the bid of the F. Pechar and Son Company be temporarily refused, and he also recommended that another letter be sent to the Sbor Ceskeho Narodniho Hrbtova offering the entire piece of land for sale. The motion was carried but it did not bring the desired appeasement because, at the end of the meeting, a new motion was made recommending that the piece of land not be sold at all.

The results of further proceedings are not known to our reporter, for the meeting, because of more or less useless debates, was a prolonged one and our reporter had to leave.

Receipts for the month of June amounted to \$2,759.85; expenditures totaled \$3,094.51.

The minutes of the meeting of the board of directors, held July 1, follow:

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The meeting of the board of directors was visited by a committee of Bohemian physicians consisting of Dr. C. S. Pavlik, Dr. Joseph Jaros, and Dr. Sproc. The committee was sent by the Spolek Ceskych Lekaru (Bohemian Medical Society of Chicago) in order to assist in the management of the institutions, especially with regard to the hygienic conditions. The committee inspected both institutions, and its report read about as follows:

By Dr. Pavlik: The buildings, the bedrooms, the beds, the dining room, and the ice box in which the provisions are kept, are kept clean and in good condition. As far as the buildings, equipment, and maintenance are concerned, the committee has nothing to **censure**. The committee recommends the change of the playground for the children from time to time. From the standpoint of safety it is recommended to dispose of the cows and buy milk. The children should be given milk instead of coffee. Sixty quarts of milk should be used daily in the Orphanage. The children should get more fresh fruit and vegetables; meat should be served only twice a week. A regular menu which would satisfy the modern requirements as far as the nourishment

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of children is concerned should be prepared because only in that way is it possible to bring up healthy children--and that is and must be the purpose of our institution.

Dr. Jarosh and Dr. Sproc agreed with Dr. Pavlik and made further recommendations. They recommended that a matron and a trained nurse be hired. Especially a trained nurse was considered by them as an absolute necessity. They approved the projected swimming pool and also recommended the establishment of a vegetable garden. The physicians also recommended that the children be measured and their weight ascertained at regular periods. According to the opinion of the physicians, the progress of the institution should be measured according to the progress of the children and not according to financial conditions.

In order that everything the physicians recommended be attained, the Spolek Ceskych Lekaru is willing to co-operate; it will arrange for the services of a physician and will do everything possible to guard the health of the children.

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According to the financial report, the receipts for the month of June amounted to \$3,123.96; expenditure totaled \$2,734.85.

At the present time there are 99 children in the Orphanage and 31 men and women in the Old People's Home; a total of 130 inmates.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Sbor Ceska Utulny a Sirotcinec v Chicagu (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage Association of Chicago) was held yesterday in the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies' Hall. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. J. Suchy. The secretary, Mrs. Bozena Krabec, then read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read. The reading of communications followed. A letter with a check for \$1,803.27 inclosed aroused the greatest interest. It was the share of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec from the collections of the last tag day. The check was sent by the Chicago Federation of Aged and Adult Charities of which the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec is a member.

A letter was read in which Mrs. Anna Zarobsky, a member of the board of directors of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec, announced her resignation. The resignation was not accepted and the board of directors was instructed to

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induce Mrs. Zarobsky, who is one of the most ardent workers, to withdraw her resignation.....

The reading of the minutes of the past meeting of the board of directors followed. The superintendent, Mr. Jaroslav Bukovsky, presented his report on an accident which occurred in the orphanage on June 1. A boy, Jan Nedobry, in spite of strict orders, entered the laundry where he proceeded to entertain himself by starting and stopping a piece of machinery called a mangle. While doing that his hand was caught in the machine. The injured boy was given first aid by a doctor who ordered him to be taken to the County Hospital, where, according to the announcement, he died June 3.....

Mr. Janda, member of the board of directors, reported the result of negotiations with the board of directors of the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov (Bohemian National Cemetery) regarding the sale of a piece of land owned by the Ceska

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Utulna a Sirotcinec. The board of directors of the Cesky Narodni Hrbitor were not in favor of this purchase but they promised to present this matter, to be voted upon, at the next meeting of the Association. The report was approved and it was resolved that in case the Sbor Ceskeho Narodniho Hrbibova (Board of Delegates to Bohemian National Cemetery) should vote down the purchase, to sell that piece of land to a buyer who was interested in it before. But it is not to be sold for less than \$5,000.....

Receipts for the month of May amounted to \$2,929.92; expenditures totaled \$2,791.23.

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THE MEETING OF THE SBOR  
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Last Wednesday the delegates to the Sbor Ceske Utulny a Sirotcince (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage Association) held their regular meeting in the hall of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies, 18th and May Streets. The meeting was well attended. The chairman, Mr. Vojtech Suchy, called the meeting to order at 8 P.M., and the secretary, Mrs. Bozena Krabec, then read **the minutes** of the previous meeting which were approved as read. Then came the reading of communciations received from various organizations which reported contributions appropriated by them for the benefit of this institution. Special mention should be made of a communciation received from the executive committee of the Sdruzeni Svobodomylnych Skol (Federation of Bohemian Free Thought Schools) in which the attention of the delegates is called to the fact that inmates of the Orphanage do not attend Bohemian schools regularly. The children of the Orphanage attend the F. B. Zdrubek School on Crawford Avenue, near the Orphanage. The management of the said school also complained that children of the Orphanage

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do not handle the school property carefully, intentionally destroying it.  
The matter was referred to the board of directors.

The Jan Kollar Lodge No. 59 of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies of America), of Columbus, Ohio, appeals to the Association to accept three children of one of its deceased members. The mother of these children, at the present time, is an inmate of an insane asylum of that city. The matter was referred to the managing and investigation committees which will recommend to the board of delegates under what financial condition the children will be accepted. All other communications, such as requests for the postponements for maintenance fees and others, were referred to the managing committee.....

Mr. F. J. Petru, treasurer, announced that he received two thousand dollars worth of bonds issued by the West Side Hospital. These bonds were donated to the institution by Mr. and Mrs. Frantisek Fucik. The chairman explained to the

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delegates the purpose of this gift and was joined in his thanks by the assembled delegates. This noble gift was made by Mr. and Mrs. Fucik on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, held about four weeks ago, and deserves wide commendation.

The committee which undertook the task of providing musical instruments for the institution's orchestra, announced that there were few generous donors to be found but, in spite of that, the instruments are being given. Following the announcement of the chairman that the Association has eight thousand dollars cash on hand, a lengthy debate ensued. Finally it was resolved to lend this money to various building and loan associations.

The board of directors then announced that an offer of three hundred and fifty dollars was received for a dilapidated frame building which used to be a saloon. The party making this offer will tear down the frame building, and they also agree to wreck the dance hall adjoining it, making no charge whatsoever. From

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the building material thus obtained, and if the board of directors wishes it, they agree to build locker rooms for the use of children who use the swimming pool. The matter was referred to the board of directors.

The program of the meeting being exhausted, the reading of receipts and disbursements followed. The receipts for the past month amounted to \$4,247.86; disbursements during the same period amounted to \$3,258.71. The meeting then was adjourned by the chairman.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the St. Joseph Orphanage of Lisle, Illinois, the Central Committee of the Taxpayers Associations of the Twelfth Ward has deposited in our office the sum of \$10.

Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 28, 1920.

THE BOHEMIAN ORPHANAGE LADIES' AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

A ladies' association, which has taken for its purpose the task of working in the interest of children of the Bohemian Orphanage, has for a long time been performing meritorious work which should be fully appreciated by all classes of our people. At the past meeting of this organization, the retiring president, Mrs. Marie J. Novak, presented her annual report, which shows the broad range of the activities engaged in by this organization of our generous ladies. The report states that during the month of December no entertainments were arranged for the orphans because other organizations had taken care of this, but the orphans were remembered with three hundred dollars' worth of underwear and stockings.

During the whole year, various tasks were performed for the benefit of orphans, and to meet these great expenses, a bunco party was arranged with the following result: Received for tickets and gifts, \$541.60; for a picture donated by Mr. J. H. Novak, \$107.25; for an umbrella donated by Mr. M. H. Jelinek, \$20.50;

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Also a great deal of good work has been accomplished in the sewing circle, and various committees and individual members have striven to perform many good deeds for our little orphans. At the present time, meetings of this organization are held in Shedd Park's recreation building, and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The organization now has three hundred and fifty members, and considering the important work which is being performed by this group, the membership should be still greater. Newly elected officers of this organization are: Mrs. Alma E. Marek, president; Mrs. Karolina Jelinek, first vice-president; Mrs. Albina Chvatal, second vice-president; Mrs. Tessie Sindelar, secretary; Mrs. Antonie Urbanek, financial secretary; and Mrs. Houska, treasurer.

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Denní Hlasatel, Sept. 12, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

At the surprise party held at the residence of Mr. John Mayer, 1333 North Avers Avenue, his good friends and relatives collected the sum of eighteen dollars for charitable purposes. Of this amount, the sum of nine dollars was donated to the St. Joseph Orphanage of Lisle, Illinois, and the remaining nine dollars to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. For this last-mentioned institution, Reverend František Boženek deposited the said sum in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 27, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

At the party held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Schanilec, 2343 South Spaulding Avenue, Mrs. Lazansky of 2644 South Spaulding Avenue undertook a collection for the benefit of St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois. The proceeds, amounting to \$6.65, were deposited by her in our office for the above-mentioned cause.

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Denní Hlasatel, May 21, 1920.

A GIFT TO THE ORPHANAGE

The trustees of the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) announced that a beautiful and valuable gift was received which will be especially welcomed by the orphans. It is a piano given to the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec by Mrs. Raymond Kolář, 2823 South Millard Avenue, and it is needless to say that such a beautiful gift was received gratefully.

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Denní Hlasatel, Feb. 25, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Ludvík Fisher, who reside at 1515 North Larabee Avenue, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last Saturday, February 22. The wedding was attended by many guests, among them Mr. M. F. Hanuš, who opportunely started a collection for our charitable institutions. The collection brought in the sum of \$22, and was divided evenly between the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage and Catholic Orphanage of Saint Joseph in Lisle, Illinois, each receiving the sum of \$11. Mr. M. F. Hanuš deposited the total sum in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 20, 1920.

GIFT TO BOHEMIAN CHILDREN

The district convention of the Czechoslovak National Alliance held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, yesterday, voted the sum of one million K. Č. (Czechoslovak Kronen) to be sent to the Alice Masaryk fund for the benefit of children of Czechoslovakian Republic. Many of our branches were represented, and in the convention much enthusiasm prevailed. Tony Novotný, of Chicago, in his speech to the delegates, referred very favorably to the progress in the Czechoslovak Republic.

Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 6, 1918.

TO CZECH WOMEN

The Chicago Children's Benefit League will conduct a Tag Day October 14. Our Bohemian Orphanage is a member of that charitable association. For this reason, we urge Czech women to participate actively in this event. We ought to appear in large numbers as ladies of other nationalities will take part. The latter give such energetic support that there really is a surplus in their ranks. For this reason, their collections are usually larger than ours.

We know that our women are goodhearted, possibly more than others. Still we wish to call their attention to the fact that, at present, with prices rising everywhere, the maintenance of our Orphanage is becoming more difficult, while the number of wards is steadily increasing. There are 130 of them now, and they are just as eager to fill their little stomachs as they were before the war broke out. The new building of the orphanage is encumbered with a \$22,000 loan, the interest on which constitutes a con-

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siderable burden for the institute.

Our ladies have always shown tender consideration for the forsaken children, all of whom love them for their charitable spirit. Our women are urged to appear in the Pilsen Sokol hall, Ashland Avenue and 18th Street, on October 12, at 7 P.M. They will be provided with badges, tags, and collection boxes, and necessary instructions will be given. Workers may sign up with any representative of the Orphanage, or at the following addresses.....

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Denni Hlasatel, July 18, 1918.

#### SUPPORT THE ORPHAN ASYLUM

A ladies' auxiliary supports the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphan Asylum by paying twenty-five cents per month. These contributions are used to purchase necessities and articles of comfort for the inmates. The ladies meet once a month. Mrs. Dusek, good-hearted matron of both institutions, speaks highly of the beneficence of the ladies, who also arrange for entertainments for the wards. Such an entertainment is today's picnic, to be held in the garden of the Orphan Asylum, 5066 North Crawford Avenue. Each lady is to bring a basket filled with food, and even delicacies. Visitors are welcome. They are asked to pay fifteen cents admission if adults, or ten cents if children. The picnic begins at 9 A.M.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 20, 1917.

ORPHANAGE AND OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

(Summary)

Last night the Orphanage and Old People's Home Society held a meeting at which Mr. V. Suchy presided. The club of the Czechoslovak veterans announced that it had elected Mr. Thomas Hejn as its delegate to the meeting of the Orphanage Society.

A letter signed by fathers of wards was read. It took issue with a resolution passed at a recent meeting which limited visiting days to one day per month. There was a demand for more visiting days for parents and relatives of children in the institution. The letter was referred to the managing committee. Mr. Joseph Dusek, manager of the Orphanage, declared that the restriction did not apply to the children's relatives and that the house was open to relatives daily from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

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Receipt of a letter from the Chicago Association of Commerce was acknowledged. This letter endorsed the Orphanage. Five dollars was allowed for dues to the Children's Benefit League, of which the Orphanage is a member.

Mrs. Smolar made a report on the Federation of Adult Charities. This is another Czech organization of which the Czech Charitable Society is also a member.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 25, 1917.

#### MERITORIOUS ACTIVITY

#### Our Ladies Work For Benefit of Czech Orphanage

The Dámský Pomocný Spolek (Ladies' Aid Society of the Bohemian Orphanage) in a meeting held in the new building of the orphanage on November 7, 1917, commemorated the first anniversary of its founding. Mrs. Wiesov, president, presented a report on that group's activities which was loudly acclaimed.

The original idea conceived by Mrs. Wiesov and the late Mrs. Vavřínek was to create a smaller circle of women who would supply the wards with stockings and other necessary articles of clothing. The enthusiastic response to this undertaking on the part of Czech ladies prompted her to enlarge the scope of the charitable enterprise, for there were several hundred friends of the orphans who offered a helping hand. From the contributions of twenty-five cents per month paid by each member, it was possible to enlarge upon the donations, so that underwear and even articles of luxury could be procured. There was a great need for this work, according to Mr. and Mrs. Dušek, superintendent and matron of the institute.

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During the first year, the regular membership of the Ladies' Aid grew to 220. No expenses whatever accrue to the orphanage from the activities of the ladies, who meet at the institute once a month, bring some bakery goods along, and pay for the coffee served by the house. The entire income of the Ladies' Aid can, in this way, be devoted to the orphanage.

New officers were elected at the annual meeting, for the statutes forbid an office to be held consecutively by one person.

Membership in this organization is doubly recommended, for it seems that the entire attention of our community is now centered upon the care of the Czech volunteers in France and other countries, and so the interest for the orphanage is lagging. The creation of the Ladies' Aid has come as a timely remedy for this conditions.

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ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE ORPHANAGE AND OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

(Summary)

Inspections of the Bohemian Orphanage and Old People's Home have become customary events. This year, however, the new building, which was erected and equipped exclusively for the orphans, was exhibited before the members of the sponsoring association. We may state at the outset that the visitors viewed the new edifice with pride, because it was the result of hard work on the part of the friends and protectors of the institution and members of the managing committee. Needy orphans of our community will be given a comfortable home and the proper care they have been wanting.

The addition has placed a heavy burden upon the shoulders of the association, and the Chicago Czech public should help to pay off the debt by generous contributions. For if this burden is lightened, those warm friends who



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I G work for the maintenance of the Orphanage will be in a better position to devote their time and energy to the humanitarian cause.

There are eighty-one wards in the Orphanage now, and prospects indicate that this number will be considerably increased in the near future, for applications are arriving constantly. Almost every member of our community is acquainted with the origin and growth of the Orphanage, so that we may restrict our report to a description of the standards by which it is governed.

The visitor is impressed at the very threshold by the friendly atmosphere created by the spaciousness, simplicity, and usefulness of the interior which promises to be a veritable treasure box of comfort for the poor little ones whom an untoward fate has driven into the children's asylum. Our impression was strengthened by the appearance of the boys and girls when they assembled in the main hall. They did not look at all like children from an



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I G orphanage. They had ruddy cheeks and lustrous eyes in which youthful, impish joy sparkled. Their good looks and mirthful behavior gave vivid proof of the efficiency of the guardians who strive to make up for the lack of parental love by reasonable, gentle treatment. In the evenings the children are allowed to express their wishes or complaints to Mr. Otto Dusek, the warden, or Mrs. Augusta Dusek, the matron. The children take ample advantage of this house rule and never fail to get a hearing, no matter how manifold or trifling their desires may appear to be.

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The main floor of the new building houses the office, dining room, kitchen, boilerhouse, and refrigerating plant with equipment. On the second floor a dormitory for the boys is on one side and one for the girls on the other side of the main assembly hall. On the third floor there are additional bedrooms for boys and girls which are separated by the rooms of the industrial school.

The visitors assembled in the big hall where they were welcomed by Mr.





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I G      Vojtech (Adalbert) Suchy, chairman of the board of representatives of the Orphanage Association. A little girl named Kuntova recited a Czech poem, and another girl, M. Nebozka, also a ward of the institute, recited a poem "Incident of the French Camp" in English. A one-act play was given in which Miss Klecka, assisted by senior wards, played the leading role. Perhaps the most lively interest was evoked by a tableau in which junior wards appeared, representing the months of the year. Boys and girls were dressed to correspond with the colors and moods prevailing in the various months, and they sang tunes befitting the seasons. Several comic scenes enacted by the juvenile members furnished an exhilarating background for the entertainment.

Mrs. Marie Liska implored the audience not to forget the Orphanage in these times which are, true enough, not particularly propitious for institutes like this one. It is, she declared, not merely an asylum for children, but a place where the latter are brought up to become true sons and daughters of the Czech people. Mrs. Liska also offered a suggestion which



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I G deserves closer consideration: An association which sought to build a hospital for Czechs had to cease its activities because of the war. It has, however, a certain amount of money on hand which might well be used as a fund for a Czech hospital to be built upon some lots owned by the Orphanage.

Mrs. Marie Smrcek appealed to the ladies of the various women's organizations in behalf of the Orphanage. She pointed to a very efficient system adopted by the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Czech Ladies' Unit) which provides for the sale of five-cent stamps, which has netted \$550 annually for the benefit of the eighty-one orphans and thirty aged men and women of the Bohemian Old People's Home. (The latter is located in the old building.)

The proposals of the two ladies who excel as untiring workers found great favor with the audience. The visitors then inspected an exhibition of manual and industrial work wrought by the pupils. They proceeded to the



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I G     old building where an infirmary is located, but it was empty. The management is extremely proud of the fact that none of its wards are sick.

A party at which coffee and cakes were served ended the pleasant excursion.



Denni Ilasatel, Oct. 16, 1917.

FOR THE CZECH ORPHANAGE  
Tag Day Is a Success



Those ladies who willingly responded to a call issued by the directors of the Czech Orphanage may proudly point to the success of the tag day for which they gave their time and energy to the humanitarian cause. The collections for the day totaled \$715.16. This sum represents money laboriously collected, mostly from people who themselves possess no superabundance of it.

Forty-nine ladies tagged, while over one hundred had permission to do so. Some of the workers were on the spot early, and obtained much larger collections than some of the latecomers. Mrs. Carolyn Hruby, 3622 West 22nd Street, topped all of the workers with a collection of \$45.00. By mentioning this, however, we do not mean to disparage the work done by the other ladies. Some of them were downright out of luck. They obtained small amounts because the stands assigned to them simply did not yield more.

/Translator's note: A list of donors follows./

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 19, 1917.

### THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND THE ORPHANAGE

The subsidy granted regularly by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County was one of the main subjects under discussion in the meeting held last night. The disbursement of the money has been stopped by the court. The state law forbids monetary support to be loaned by the Board to organizations classified as "sectarian". The Czech Old People's Home and the Orphanage seem to have been looked upon as such.

Messrs. Antoni Charvat and Frank J. Petru reported to the meeting in this matter. Both, as representatives of the two charitable organizations, had appeared before the Finance Committee of the Board and explained that no religion was taught in the Orphanage and no rites of any church are tolerated. Their statement was acknowledged by the Committee. There is good hope for the subvention for the organizations to be continued.



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A resolution was passed allowing children from the Orphanage to take part in theatrical performances providing they will return before 6 P. M.

A call from the Chicago Federation for the Aged was read, in which Czech women are invited to take active part as solicitors on Tag Day, May 14. They are promised advantageous locations and good results for their endeavor.

The report on finances shows receipts of \$22,439.01, and disbursements of \$21,945.98. The total assets are computed at \$116,496.78.

Of the expenses for administration, \$300 each was paid to the building manager and the governess; \$322 to the cook and to the housegirls; \$56 to the assistant female guard; \$105 to the janitor, etc. These wages were paid for one half year's service.



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There were thirty-nine inmates in the Orphanage in the year of 1916, twenty-five boys and fourteen girls. An additional fourteen boys and five girls were given into the care of that institution by guardians, and thirteen boys and eleven girls by the Juvenile Court so that there were eighty-two wards in the institution. Eleven were taken out, and there were seventy-one left at the end of 1916.

Twelve men and ten women were in the Old People's Home; two men and six women were recently accepted, so that thirty inmates were there at one time; two men left and two died during the year. Fifty-four applications were received during the year. Of these thirty-six were accepted upon recommendation of either the court or members of the reception committee.



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Both institutions since 1912 have been under state inspection, as a result of which industrial instruction was introduced in the Orphanage. The County Board granted a regular subvention for the children sent by the Juvenile Court; the money received from that source amounted to \$2,613 for the past year.

The Damsky Dobrocinný Krouzek v Ceskem Sirocinci (Ladies Charity Circle in the Czech Orphanage) was founded on November 1. It has two hundred members now, each of whom pays twenty-five cents per month. A similar ladies' organization works for the benefit of the Old People's Home.





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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 22, 1917.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The regular meeting of the representatives of the Old People's Home and the orphanage was held last night with a very good attendance. Mr. V. Suchy presided, and the secretary, Mr. Trnka, read the minutes of the last meeting, also the correspondence. The treasurer reported that the income for the half year was \$26,741.98, and the disbursement \$25,248.85. In the latter, \$12,236.80 paid for new buildings, was included. The total assets are computed at \$149,692.04, the debts at \$ 36,195.26.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 17, 1916.

UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

The regular meeting of the Sbor Zastucu Utulny a Sirotcince (Czech Old People's Home and Orphanage Association) was held yesterday. Mr. A. Suchy presided as chairman.

The secretary, Mr. Trnka, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved.

The minutes of three meetings of the auditing committee were read and approved.

The minutes of the first meeting showed that an election for superintendent and for governess had been arranged, and the present incumbents, Mr. Otokar and Mrs. Gusta Dusek, were re-elected. The committee also ordered an increase in salary for the governess, from \$32.50 a month to \$50.

The minutes of the second meeting showed that some of the contractors doing

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work on the new part of the building were clamoring for their money. This made it necessary to call for the loans which had been prearranged.

The first loan of six thousand dollars was arranged through the Kaspar Bank.

The committee also decided not to have an exhibit of fine linen work, because a number of the more mature girls doing the work have left the institution, and, besides that, there will be a lot of additional work with the moving into the new quarters.

Mr. Frantisek J. Petru was named collector of rents for the buildings.

The minutes of the third meeting deal with the unpleasantness sometimes encountered with the acceptance of new inmates in our institution, citing the testimony of Mr. Beck in the juvenile court.

.....Now follow letters from societies, giving names of their representatives

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to the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec.

The bills payable showed an aggregate of \$7,725.46, of which \$7,196.61 was paid on building accounts.

The building committee submitted a report relative to the laying of oak floors for \$4,000; of which the firm doing the work agreed to return \$100 as a gift to the Utulna a Sirotcinec.

The kitchen furnishings will cost \$1,590; of which amount \$25 will be returned as a gift. The minor iron work on the building will cost \$320.

The committee which was ordered to investigate the accusations of certain persons, who cast unpleasant reflections upon the building committee relative to its honesty, presented its report. The contents show that there is no evidence of misconduct by the building committee, and that remarks of

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irresponsible persons were accountable for the spread of these unpleasant rumors.

.....The financial report for the second half of 1915 was read by the secretary, and showed that receipts were \$27,475.13, and expenditures \$25,912.32; so that the balance on hand is \$1,562.81. The assets amount to \$114,765.46, compared with \$101,727.00 of six months ago, a gain of \$13,035.46. This report is signed by the auditing committee, composed of Mrs. Marie Fara, and Messrs. Kusta and Freiler. On a motion made and passed this report was ordered printed, and will be distributed among the representatives at the next meeting.

The chairman, Mr. Suchy, announced that the secretary, Mr. Trnka, and he, according to previous directions, signed a promissory note for a loan of \$25,000 at Kaspar's Bank, with the stipulation, allowed by Mr. Kaspar, that the Utulna and Sirotcinec pay interest only on the amounts withdrawn.

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The next order of business was the installation of elected officers, and the acceptance of their bonds. All the presiding officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mrs. Mazac as trustee, whom the chairman addressed in reference to her new duties.

.....The next order of business was the item, "for the good of the organization". The case of Mr. Linhart, a painter was brought up. Mr. Linhart claims he was not paid for work performed for the Utulna and Sirotcinec. The chairman assured the delegates that Mr. Linhart will be paid at the next meeting of building committee.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 8, 1915.

THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC  
One Million--Alas, not Dollars, but Votes  
for Our Institution

The Businessmen's Association of Irving Park, some time ago offered three libraries, which were to be given, one each, to the three most popular associations, schools, churches, or other public bodies in Irving Park.

The balloting which ended within the last few days, gave the second library to the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). This prominent institution has become the owner of a library of fifty volumes of good English literature. The best proof of the Utulna's popularity is the fact that it has received 1,100,000 votes in a neighborhood where there are comparatively few of our countrymen.

The principal credit for securing the library for the Utulna goes to our

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Bohemian businessmen of Irving Park.....to whom many thanks.

(Signed) Otto F. Dusek, manager.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 29, 1915.

THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

List of donations from lodges, clubs, associations and individuals received in the offices of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) on the occasion of the ceremonies of laying the cornerstone for the new orphanage building May 20, 1915.

Here follow names and amounts of donations filling a column and a half.

The total of the donations received was \$2,175.14.

The following organizations have sent their documents for insertion in the cornerstone: Names of seventy-nine organizations.

This will serve as a receipt for all the amounts donated to the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec on that occasion. Many thanks to all the noble patrons of our institution.

(Signed) Otto F. Dusek, manager.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 22, 1915.

A MEETING OF THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

The board of representatives of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec [Bohemian Old Peoples Home and Orphanage] held their regular meeting last night at the usual place, the hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Associations) on 18th Street. Mr. Suchy was the presiding officer. The meeting was fairly well attended.....

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Dolezal, representing the Sokol Slavsky [Gymnastic Association Sokol-Slavsky] was introduced. He presented the request of the Sokol Slavsky that the Utulna A Sirotcinec postpone the laying of the cornerstone of the new orphanage because May 22 and 23, the days selected for that celebration, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Sokol Slavsky, and all preparations to celebrate this anniversary on those days had been made.....

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After a debate....the Utulna A Sirotcinec postponed its celebration to May 30.....

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Mr. Charvat reported on behalf of the executive committee that he had procured the building permit for the orphanage and several other necessary documents from the city free of charge. These would have cost at least six hundred dollars.....

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Mr. Tichy reported on his visit to the Ceska Tesarsko-Truhlarska Unie [Bohemian Carpenters' and Cabinetmakers' Union] which he had approached with the request that its members donate their work in connection with the erection of the orphanage. He was most cordially received, and his request was granted.....

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A similar call will be made on the Painters' Union.....

Mr. Janda reported that the members of the Ceska Zednicka Unie (Bohemian Bricklayers' Union) had also promised to donate the work of from one to three or more days each toward the erection of the new orphanage.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 20, 1914.

### OUR CHARITABLE BUTCHERS

The Bohemian butchers who are organized in the Reznicka Beseda (Butchers' Club).... have agreed to dispense with the usual distribution of calendars this year and to donate, instead, fifty dollars to the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old Peoples Home and Orphanage) and a similar sum to the Sirotcinec Sv. Josefa (St. Joseph's Orphanage) in Lisle.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 25, 1914.

THE NEW BUILDING OF THE SIROTCINEC

Half-tone, three column-half of a page, architects drawing of proposed orphanage/

An exhibition of the handicraft of the inmates of one of our principal charitable institutions will be opened today. The young inmates of the orphanage --not only girls, but boys, too--have worked hard during the whole year and have made a large number of objects which are now exhibited and for sale to our public.

The exhibition has a double purpose: To acquaint our general public, which is at the present time the only support of our institution, with the work done by the inmates of the orphanage in their spare time, and to secure financial help. The money paid for the objects on display will go to swell the very low funds of the building committee.

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Since the exhibition has been arranged for the benefit of the new building it is only fitting that we should offer, in addition to a picture, some information concerning it.

The building, which will face Crawford Avenue, will stand fifty-six feet from the street and will be entirely fireproof. Its largest dimensions will be 108 by 96 feet, and it will accomodate 160 inmates, that is eighty boys and eighty girls. The boys' and girls' quarters will be separated, and the children will meet only in the dining room. For each forty children, there will be one nurse, or four nurses for the whole building. Three or four women will be employed in the kitchen.

The building will have two stories, an attic, and a basement. The basement floor will be two feet under the level of the ground. Both stories and the basement will be twelve feet high. There will be steam heat, electricity and gaslight.

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There will be two fireproof stairways leading from Crawford Avenue and two on the east side of the building. These latter passages will be connected with a balcony and a hall leading to the old building which will be used exclusively for hospital purposes.

The walls will be of pressed brick; the building will be covered with a tile roof.

The price of construction is calculated not to exceed \$50,000.

[A detailed description of the building floor plans, etc., follows.]

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Denní Hlasatel, Sept. 24, 1914.

### IMPORTANT DECISION WILL BENEFIT ORPHANS

For many years our Česká Útulna a Siroťáček (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) has felt that its present premises are inadequate.....

The idea of building an addition or a new section to the part of the institution devoted to the care of orphans had to be dismissed as long as the necessary funds were not available. But Mr. V. Suchý, chairman of the board of representatives of the institution, seems to have found a way of building without a great expenditure of money. He pointed out in yesterday's meeting that there are many Bohemian building trade unions which could help by donating a certain amount of the services of their members free of charge to the organization.....

On this basis, the board reconsidered plans that had been laid aside sometime ago. These call for a new, modern, fireproof building that would house 160 orphans and four nurses. It would face Crawford Avenue....and have enough space

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for the necessary offices, the director's quarters, kitchen, dining hall, boiler room, coal storage, etc.....

The estimated cost of \$50,000 would be greatly reduced by donations of building material and work of members of our trade unions.....

After a long and lively debate, in which....the question was discussed in minute detail, the members carried the motion to erect the new building by fifty-four votes against two, one representative not voting.

The board agreed to contact various contractors about the matter of bids.....

The chairman stated that the organization now has about \$25,000 loaned out. This money would be used for the building, and the balance would be secured by donations of money, material, and services of friends of the institution.

After this explanation, the meeting adjourned. It is now up to the building

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committee to continue with preparations in which it has the best wishes for success of all friends of the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 20, 1913.

ST. JOSEPH ORPHANAGE IN LISLE

The administration of our St. Joseph Orphanage in Lisle has published a pamphlet dealing with the activities of this large charitable institution. The pamphlet also contains the report for the past year as submitted to the annual meeting of the organization. According to this report, there are now 175 children in the orphanage. The financial statement covering the eighteen-month period ending October 31 of this year shows a total income of \$37,343.42, comprising the following amounts: \$16,426.84 from the County of Cook; \$5,000, from St. Adalbert's, Holy Cross, and Resurrection Cemeteries; more than \$3,000, the proceeds of two outings; and \$9,327.42, from various friends and patrons of the institution. Total expenditures during this period were \$26,931.22. A payment of \$4,328.61 was made on the indebtedness, which still amounts to some \$28,000.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 30, 1912.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ÚTULNA A SIROTČINEC

A special meeting of the Útulna a Sirotčinec (Old Peoples Home and Orphanage) Association was called yesterday for the purpose of approving changes in the bylaws. The amendments are insignificant. Section 5, paragraph 6, which sets forth that every inmate has the privilege to leave if he or she finds that they can no longer remain in the institution. In such cases their deposits, minus a deduction for their support, will be refunded to them. The charge for their support in such cases must not exceed five dollars nor be less than two dollars and fifty cents per week. A further amendment was that wards of the institution are to remain until they are sixteen years of age, instead of fourteen years of age. Section 5, paragraph 4, was amended to read: "This institution may accept as inmates persons having some means of support, if they or their relatives agree to pay the institution an amount such as may be required by the Board of Directors from time to time. This amount may consist of either bequests or cash payments. In the case of



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bequests, the Board of Directors will have in its keeping all papers relating thereto. These inmates must observe the rules of the institution the same as those who are admitted free of charge. People of sufficient means will not be admitted to the institution without paying for their upkeep." Several ladies moved to amend the bylaws with a provision that no one be elected to the Executive Committee unless they are members of the Association. This motion was directed at the present secretary, Mrs. Maravet, and the financial secretary, Mr. Kovak, both of whom were unanimously re-elected to office by the Association even though they were not re-elected as delegates to the Útulna a Sirotčinec Association. On this subject there ensued a lengthy debate, which was very much out of order, because it ended in a regular vote upon a subject which should not have been discussed at this meeting. In the end, however, the motion was defeated.

The Útulna a Sirotčinec is the property of all the Bohemian people, and there is no reason why any restrictions should be placed upon anyone who



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wants, and is willing, to work, and who is recognized as capable by the Association. The Útulna a Sirotčinec Association has, and always shall have, the right to elect to office officials whom it recognizes as capable. Mr. Novak started a practical set of books for the Association and performed this work free of charge, because the salary which he receives as financial secretary is not enough to pay for one day of such work. The canvass of the votes cast at the last meeting, in favor of building a tavern on the Útulna a Sirotčinec grounds, or opposed to the undertaking, was postponed to the regular meeting.





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REPORT

Denní Vlasatel, Jan. 18, 1914.

ROZVAHA A PRÁCE V DOMU  
STARÝCH LIDÍ A DĚTÍ

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Italian Orphanage (Old People's Home and Orphanage) was held yesterday in the hall of the Česko-americká svobodná škola (Czech-American Free Thought School), at 1126 West 18th Street. The meeting was well attended and Mr. Eugene Král provided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Various societies announced the names of their representatives as follows:  
[Translator's note: names of organizations and representatives listed.]

The manager of the Home, Mr. Julek, gave a report on the joyful holiday season at the institution. The benefactors saw to it that the orphans and the old people had a happy holiday. They contributed abundantly with such gifts as fruit, candy, etc., etc., and clothing.

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Denni Masitol, Jan. 13, 1918.

A special meeting is to be held January 29, 1918, at 12.30. Receipts at this meeting were \$1,605.25; disbursements will be announced at later date. The meeting was then adjourned.

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Jenif Husavei, Jan. 18, 1918.

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHS. HUSAVEI'S AND THE CHS. HUSAVEI'S  
IN THE MEETING AND DECEMBER 30, 1911

(Summary)

The article accounts for entries numbers 100 to 109 inclusive. The names of various organizations and individuals, together with the amounts contributed, are given in the article.

"Total receipts at this meeting were \$1,000.00.

L. P. Svoboda,  
Financial Secretary."



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Denní Mlasatel, Dec. 29, 1911.

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FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

A praiseworthy deed was performed by Czech meat dealers who took up a collection for the benefit of the Old Peoples Home and Orphanage. A total of \$14.85 was collected and deposited in the office of Denní Mlasatel. This noble act of the Czech butchers is deserving of public recognition and our more well-to-do tradesmen ought to take notice and follow this beautiful example. During the holidays, when so many happy faces are seen on all sides, we ought to remember our old people and orphans who have need for our help under all circumstances.

The Butchers Workingsmens Club, in their annual meeting held on December 25, took up a collection for the benefit of Saint Joseph's Orphanage and the sum of four dollars was realized. A committee composed of Mr. Vaclav Vorel and Joseph Čapek turned the money over to said institution.



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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 19, 1911.

FOR THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

Lodge Ratolest Miru, Number 76, Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Women's Unity), has appropriated five dollars from its treasury for the benefit of the Old People's Home and Orphanage.



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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 13, 1911.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE BOHEMIAN  
CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

The joint committee of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association), Útulny a Sirotčince Svobodomyslných Čechu Chicagských (Old Peoples Home and Orphanage), and the Katolického Sirotčince Sv. Josefa (St. Joseph's Catholic Orphanage) met Monday evening under the chairmanship of Mr. John A. Červenka to hear reports on the negotiations in the matter of the Czech concert. Dr. Jaroslav E. S. Vojan reported that Miss Emma Destinn is unable to appear in Chicago. She is very sorry, and would like to accept the invitation, but she is strictly bound by her contract. The board of directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company, after last year's difficulty with the German Press Club, resolved that it would not allow its artists to participate in any concert under any circumstances, not even excepting charity concerts. Mister Červenka then referred to the negotiations with the management of the Auditorium.

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He was there with Mr. Ploc [first name not given] and they were informed that the rental of the Auditorium would be \$1,000, which for Charity concerts can be reduced one hundred fifty dollars at the most. Mr. Slezák, [first name not given] whose New York manager approached the Committee, asks \$1,500 for the services of himself and his pianist. After thorough consideration, the committee decided to give up the idea of a concert at this time, because under such circumstances it is impossible to figure a profit suitable to be divided among three institutions. However, it was resolved that the committee should remain intact and interest itself in questions which are common and highly important to all three institutions. Messrs. Joseph Z. Uhlíř and Ploc took upon themselves the task of finding out under what conditions the Bohemian Charitable Societies could share in the proceeds of the big tag days. They are also to investigate the manner in which needy children are assigned to orphanages by the Juvenile Court. The idea of a joint Charity Day, which would be held in the Pilsen Brewery Company's park next summer, will be discussed at the next meeting of the joint committee.

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 14, 1911.

#### A PRAISEWORTHY ENTERPRISE

Mothers and daughters, who are members of sewing clubs in the Czech settlement are hard at work on handmade covers which are to be presented to the Orphanage as a gift from the Girls and mothers of the Czech settlement. A proposed Economy Club is going to be formed by Czech women, and opened at 1827 South Centre Avenue next Wednesday. Czech women are invited to join. Underwear and clothing, as needed by the Orphanage, will be made there every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 P. M. Each woman shall receive a check for fifteen cents per hour; such checks being exchangeable for clothing for her own family.



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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 16, 1911.

A REMARKABLE GIFT TO THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

Mr. Anton Kašpar, who lives at 2252 South Homan Avenue, recently deposited one hundred dollars at the office of Denni Hlasatel. He donates this money in the name of his brothers, Vaclav, Joseph, Charles, and himself, out of their share in the estate of Mrs. Rose Chladek for the benefit of our humanitarian institutions, The Old People's Home, The Orphanage, and The National Cemetery. This noble deed by the Kašpar brothers is deserving of public recognition and should be emulated in all cases, whenever anyone receives a considerable gift or inheritance.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 1, 1911.

[AIDS THE HOME FOR AGED AND ORPHANAGE AT  
SILVER ANNIVERSARY]

When people are fortunate and happy, they should remember the less fortunate, suffering, and poverty stricken, and endeavor to aid them. At every large meeting or entertainment of our countrymen, if the Old People's Home and Orphanage, were remembered as happened at the celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of Joseph and Caroline Souhrada, that institution could take care of all of our needy aged people and orphans.

Mrs. Marie Ledvinka and Mrs. Matilda Ruzicka, well-known workers in social circles, took up a collection among the guests for the benefit of the Home and Orphanage. They collected a total of eleven dollars. Mrs. Ledvinka, who is a representative in the



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Home and Orphanage Association, will turn this money in at the next meeting of that organization.

A large number of friends attended the celebration of the Souhrada's silver wedding anniversary, and they will never forget the pleasing, sincere entertainment which was prepared for them.



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THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND  
KINDERGARTEN ENTERTAINS

An entertainment which was attended by about three hundred persons was given yesterday afternoon by the trustees of the Children's Home and Kindergarten. The exhibition of hand work by the children was interesting and attractive. It reflects the industry and talents of the children and teachers.

A program of songs and exercises by the children was added for entertainment. The affair was held in the Pilsen Sokol hall.

Miss Koller, the teacher, requested the visitors to examine the children's work before the program got under way. The entertainment was successful beyond expectation, and those who came to see the work of the children were pleasantly entertained. Some of the girls were dressed as Bohemian peasant

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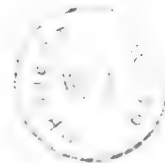
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girls and performed folk dances which pleased the visitors very much.

Mr. Nespora's orchestra furnished the music for a lively dance entertainment following the conclusion of the exhibit.



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Denni Hlasatel, May 4, 1910.

NEW BUILDING OF THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

The new Old People's Home is a two-story building, 50 x 70 feet. The building includes a basement which will have space for a large boiler room with an oil burning furnace, a storage room for food, a room for baggage, another for the use of a laundry, and also a drying room near the furnace. Another section of the basement will be used as a lounge where the male inmates can gather and chat with each other; adjoining this room will be a similar room for the old women. The first floor will be occupied by the office, a dining room, lavatory and shower rooms, kitchen, and linen room. The second floor will consist of sleeping rooms. The building will be fitted to house from twenty-two to twenty-four women and twenty to twenty-four men. The total cost of the completed structure will be seventeen thousand dollars. The plans were designed by Mr. Anton Charvat, architect; the contractors were Rusy and Rezny; the bricklaying was done by Mr. Frank Pitrov, and his men; the carpenter work was done by the firm of Joseph Strnad and Sons; the masonry work was done by the firm of the California Cut Stone Company which

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furnished the material; the cement work was done by Mr. B. J. Vack, and his men; the plastering by F. Jaros; and the plumbing work by Mr. Stanley J. Loula. The iron work was done by the Pilsen Foundry and Iron Works which also furnished the material for their work. The roofing was done by the Matthew Holpuch Roofing Company; the cornice work was done by the Universal Cornice Works and the material was furnished by the same Company. The electrical equipment was installed by Mr. Hrdlicka, a member of the board of directors who furnished all material free of charge. The shades were also furnished free of charge by Mr. M. S. Kemper, another board member. The Old People's Home is but a short distance from the Bohemian Orphanage Asylum and is situated on 40th Avenue, formerly Crawford Avenue, now Pulaski Road, and Foster Avenue. The building of the Bohemian Orphanage Asylum is arranged in a similar manner and is estimated to house from thirty to thirty-two orphans. The grounds of the Orphanage are much larger than those of the Old People's Home. There are fourteen acres in all. There are plenty of trees, nice lawn, plenty of space for playgrounds, a large swimming pool, swings, and hammocks. A large portion is fenced off for a vegetable

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garden, the produce of which is to be used for the inmates of both institutions. Everything is arranged in such a manner as to make life pleasant for our orphans and comfortable for the old folks. The price of this new building would have been much more, but most of the materials were purchased at cost price, which was appreciated by the management of these institutions, for this resulted in a big saving. The donation of materials also brought down the cost. The management again wishes to thank the various organizations, lodges, and individuals for their contributions, and hopes for their continued assistance in the future. It is planned that improvements shall be made on the institution whenever it becomes necessary.



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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 20, 1908.

BOHEMIAN ORPHANAGE AND OLD PEOPLES' HOME.

Many thanks to the donors of the many lodges and to the individuals who brought in their contributions at a meeting held on the 16th day of September of this year; contributions were deposited in the office of this administration.

The contributions and collections were as follows: At the grand opening celebration of Mr. Henry Kafka's saloon, \$4.85 was collected; at a wedding of Mr. J. Sotola, \$4.00; at a coffee clatch held by a number of women members of the J. C. D. (Jednota Ceskych Dam) Bohemian Women's Unity, \$4.00; from a social club by the name of Vesely Svagri Chappy Brothers-in-law, \$2.75; from the 4th ward organization, \$1.20; from Mr. Anton Spachman, the gross amount collected as contributions at the numerous picnics held in the months of June and July, \$230.00; from Mr. F. Bernas, contributions collected by him from various individuals, organizations, and businessmen, \$250.00. The Chicago Lodge of the C. S. P. S. (Czecho-Slovak Benevolent Society) sent in a contribution of \$8.25 collected in a meeting held last week. By the Grand Lodge of the J. C. D. (Bohemian Ladies' Union) the sum of \$50.00 was contributed, making a total of \$564.20.

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Again we wish to express our appreciation of the kindness of our fellow-Bohemians who never forget our poor.

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 12, 1908.

**FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ORPHANAGE AND THE OLD PEOPLES' HOME.**

p. 1.--The treasury of the Bohemian Orphanage Asylum and the Old Peoples' Home will derive some financial benefit from the profits of the picnic held last Friday by the delegates of the "Jednota Ceskych Dam" (Bohemian Ladies Unity) who have returned from the convention held in Cleveland, Ohio recently.

This picnic was held on the grounds owned by the Bohemian National Cemetery. The use of the grounds was free of charge, as this picnic was held for the benefit of the Orphanage and Old Peoples' Home.

The picnic started at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. The delegates were discussing the convention; a speech followed and then the picnic was opened to the public for enjoyment.



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It was decided to turn over the profits of this picnic to the secretary of the institution. The officials of the Orphanage and of the Old Peoples' Home expressed their thanks and appreciation to both the Bohemian National Cemetery and the Bohemian Ladies Unity for their kind donations.

Whatever affairs are held, the Orphanage and Old Peoples' Home are always remembered in the way of contributions for these institutions. Thanks to those delegates for arranging this picnic.

Denni Hlasatel, May 14, 1908.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
BOHEMIAN ORPHANAGE ASYLUM.

p. 1, col. 4 - A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bohemian Orphanage Asylum was held last night at 8 o'clock, first to decide on the admittance of the four surviving children of the deceased Frank Sykora, 300 West 20th Street, who was recently buried.

After the opening of the meeting a lengthy debate was held on the entire case; the secretary read the names and ages of these children: James, 15; Marie, 13; Stephen, 11; and Rose, 9. These children have a stepmother and are neglected by her. They inherited a small sum of money from their father. The committee consisting of Police Officer Turek and attorney Mr. Joseph Smejkal, insisted that the children be admitted and taken proper care of.

The vice-president, Mr. C. Bolek, suggested that this small inheritance be set aside for these children and be given to them when they become of age, and a guardian be appointed by the Probate Court. As soon as Mr. Bolek finished he was immediately recommended for this task, of course, subject to the approval of the Probate Court; he said he would accept and see to it personally that these children would get the best of care and that their money be safely invested

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so that when they become of age, they will receive this money with interest, and use it to give them a start when they leave the orphanage.

The children were admitted. Another question raised was whether donations should be accepted. This also brought about a lengthy debate and it finally was decided that the orphanage would accept under the one condition, that donations of any kind be used only for the orphans. This was agreed upon and Mrs. Bajer was charged with the arrangements for the transportation of donated goods from the various dealers as grocers, butchers, clothing, shoe and department stores.

The meeting was adjourned and every one seemed much pleased.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 10, 1908.

FOR THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

p. 1.. Mr. Joseph Lio, deposited with the administration of this newspaper the sum of \$15, collected at the silver wedding of Mr. Frank and Mrs. Marie Majer, 840 Allport Street. The silver wedding anniversary was held the third day of May of this year, and while the children, relatives, and friends were enjoying themselves, they have not failed to remember the inmates of our institutions, this is the reason for the collection, taken up for the benefit of the Old People's Home and the Orphanage.

Many thanks are expressed to those who were so kind and thoughtful.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 31, 1908.

FOR THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

p. 2, col. 3 - At a social gathering given by Mrs. Matous, at her home, 535 West 20th Street, a suggestion was made by Mrs. Nemecek, to take up a collection for the benefit of the Old People's Home and the Orphanage. This proposal was well taken into consideration and the amount of \$4.50 was collected. This money was then deposited at the office of this newspaper for the authorized official.

Both Mrs. Matous and Mrs. Nemecek thanked the guests for their donations.



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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 29, 1908.

### THE OLD PEOPLES' HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

p. 1--This is the way it should be always, at every opportunity to bear in our minds the Old Peoples' Home; and we should not be just satisfied, but should strive to make it a bigger, better and more convenient home for our aged men and women folks, and also for our orphans.

That is why we take notice of every contribution made from any source and appreciate these contributions.

The following donation was made by Jubilee Lodge, No. 35 C. S. B. S. (Czecho-Slovakian Benevolent Society), \$7.35, and the money was left at the office of this newspaper for the proper official to take it to the secretary of the Old Peoples' Home.

Mrs. Marie Kral took it upon herself to take up a collection and brought in \$12.35 according to the collection list, showing the names and addresses of those who made contributions.

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These make a total of \$19.70 to be divided equally between the Old Peoples' Home and the Orphanage. This money is also at the office of this newspaper to be turned over to the secretary of the Orphanage.

Thanks were expressed for these timely contributions.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 23, 1907.

### BAZAAR ASSOCIATION OUT OF LUCK

A bazaar for the benefit of the Bohemian Orphanage was held in the hall of the Bohemian-American Free Thought School last Saturday and Sunday. It is peculiar that we have had to report an extremely small attendance at all the recent concerts and entertainments arranged by the Orphanage Association. The attendance on Saturday and on Sunday was not an exception, although the arrangements committee had done all in its power, and the press had pointed out time and again the noble aims of the cause. On Saturday, in particular, the hall was so distressingly empty that one could literally feel the chill from the frigidity of the vacant space and from the hearts of those who could have been present, but neglected to be.

Where is the explanation for this to be found? Several years ago the organization had been looked upon askance, true enough, and the circle of its friends dwindled, but all this has changed. There are many loyal sympathizers, and every time a club or society has given an affair for the Orphanage, the results have been satisfactory. The Association itself, however, is unable

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to pride itself upon a single entertainment that yielded any amount of money worth mentioning.

The bazaar offered many prizes, beautiful or useful. The drawing for the raffle, with a house lot as the prize, had to be postponed until another occasion. The property, located on 47th and Bishop Streets, was donated by Mr. F. Zajicek and is valued at at least seven hundred dollars. The tickets, at twenty-five cents each, have been on sale for the last two years, but not more than one half of the total two thousand were sold.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 1, 1907.

### INSPECTION OF OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

p. 1, col. 3.. A committee representing this institution, and also several prominent Bohemian personages interested in it, made a tour of the newly constructed building which this institution will occupy. This group was to act as an inspection committee and to report anything which they thought should be changed or added so as to make the building more suitable for its purpose. The contractor was present so that he could explain anything which might be questioned by the committee.

First they inspected the fine building which they found very modern and practical, except that it seemed to be small, so they immediately planned how it could be enlarged in the future should it be necessary. The main floor of the building is to accommodate the office of the building and rooms for daily use by the inmates. Most of the second floor is to serve as the sleeping quarters, separated for male and for the female inmates. It will also comprise the kitchen and the dining rooms. If an addition (annex) should be built in the future it will accommodate the old people and serve as their separate quarters.

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The committee also inspected the grounds of the institution and made several suggestions which would improve the appearance. All findings or suggestions of this committee will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

After overcoming various obstacles the Bohemian people of Chicago can proudly say that they now have their own institution for old people and orphans. This has been made possible by the untiring effort and the determination of our people. The financial support and cooperation was also remarkable.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 3, 1907.

BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLES HOME AND ORPHANAGE

P.1, Col.3--That the interest of our most important humane undertakings, are not diminishing, is best proven by the contributions received from various meetings, club social affairs and dances. It is the aim, or hope of this Bohemian institution of Chicago, to be able to say, that every gathering of Bohemians has and always will, acknowledge this worthy cause, in the way of financial support.

During the New Year's Eve celebration, given by the well known, "Ceska Vlast Society," a collection was taken up by Mr. J. Peklen, the proceeds of which were given to the proper authority, or society in charge of the Bohemian Old Peoples Home and Orphanage.

We hope that this may serve as an example to other clubs, lodges and societies which are less active in this humanitarian cause.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 28, 1905.

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THE OLD PEOPLES' HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

p.4--Everything appears to indicate that during the coming year we shall finally see realized our national welfare undertaking--The Old Peoples' Home and Orphanage.

We don't want to say that we shall have some pompous buildings constructed at great expense, but it seems that the institution will be functioning, though on a somewhat smaller scale than was originally planned.

The majority of the lodges (and therefore also their delegates) which constitute the Association for the construction of the Home, are inclined to take steps toward the actual realization of this undertaking. Also the majority of the lodges seems to be of the opinion, that the beginning should be on a smaller scale rather than such as was recently still being considered.



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No matter what happens, whether large, luxurious buildings are erected or whether the Home is housed in the buildings now on the grounds, the public will be satisfied, but it is waiting for some definite decision. And it is waiting impatiently, because the matter has been postponed almost too long. True, it is necessary to proceed with caution, it is necessary to thoroughly consider everything before any definite decision is made; but it is also true, that something must be done, and that soon.

It seems that the continued postponement is detrimental to a good purpose. We hear odd remarks about this procrastination, discouraging remarks which would be stopped if the matter were brought to an actual conclusion. Therefore, let us begin on a small scale, but let us begin now. No more delays, no more hesitation. The ground is paid for, a few thousand dollars are on hand, so why hesitate?

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Or is it apprehension concerning the maintainance of the institution which discourages many and prompts further postponements?

Well, these fears are needless, wholly unwarranted. We know well the heart of our people, we know and are firmly convinced that they would never let it come to the point where there would be unsufficient funds to maintain the institution. On the contrary, the institution will prosper, contributions will increase and there will never be any deficiency.

The Bohemian people have always done their duty whenever a beneficent purpose was concerned, and they will continue to fulfill their duty. Therefore, let us put away apprehension, let us banish fear and let us proceed with deeds.

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Thus will be silenced the perpetual doubters; thus will be rebuked the over-lasting faultfinders, who criticize everything, who find mistakes in everything, but are incapable of raising a finger in order to aid a good cause.

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Benny Hlasatel, Feb. 16, 1968.

#### HOME AND ORPHANAGE

#### New Officers Installed

P.1--The Old People's Home and Orphanage Association met yesterday in the Bohemian-English Liberal School Hall. The meeting was well attended and was conducted with dignity and seriousness, as befits the Association and the purpose which it serves. The meeting was called to order by the retiring chairman, Eugene Frydl. Installation of the new officers followed.

The new chairman of the Association, Mr. Jan Lech, opened his office with a hearty speech, urging all representatives, men and women, to aid him in his work and hand in hand to save their soul, the early building of the home and orphanage.

Various matters of minor significance were then dealt with. The meeting was pleased with the treasurer's report, concerning the receipts of the evening of 1967. Disbursements amount to 11,000, but these included 1,000 which the treasurer had deposited with the National Cemetery Association.

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A representative of the California Bohemian Club, Mr. Joseph H. Bus, was present in the meeting and applied for a charter membership, requiring a deposit of \$100. The coming bazaar was discussed, and several auxiliary committees were elected to aid in organizing it.

We will print more details in this letter soon.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 24, 1904.

[A NOBLE ENTERPRISE]

Lodges, societies, and members of unities, which contributed at their conventions to the Home and Orphanage, must not presume, that they have thereby been excused from their duty to contribute to this noble enterprise themselves, but should work for its successful accomplishment. We are convinced that the conventions in making these appropriations for this most important undertaking desired only to set a good example to their subordinate bodies and to all members belonging to them, to awaken them to self-sacrificing, energetic work. That the conventions did not forget the Home and Orphanage is eloquent proof in itself that they recognize their great importance and that the earliest possible realization of this is to their advantage.

If all lodges and all individuals will now do their duty, they will only be proceeding in accordance to the intentions of their conventions.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 18, 1902.

**[CHILDREN'S HOME ADVOCATED]**

The agitation for the establishment of an orphanage is beginning to liven up and we hope that it will be carried on to such an extent as to bear plentiful fruit. It is proper for all liberal minded Bohemians to whom it is really important, that their party work with all its might for the benefit of its members and of the Bohemian people at their society meetings, in public debates; in fact, at every opportunity to call attention to this very necessary humanitarian undertaking and encourage its support. The more the question is discussed, the more good ideas come to light, the greater will be the interest and the sooner will it be realized. We are decidedly for the completion of the "Home", but we think that both of these philanthropic undertakings could easily be combined and in such a way that every sensible conscientious Bohemian would be pleased. Only let us try and think about it!



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### CZECHO-SLOVAK ORPHANAGE

The "Pilsen" Literary Society, which has of late been revived, and whose members take great pleasure in discussing and advancing all important matters of community interest, called a meeting of citizens last Saturday. The purpose of the meeting was to decide whether or not a Czecho-Slovak Orphanage in the United States, about which there has been much said in the public press, should be founded.

The attendance at the meeting was very small and if we were not aware of the great dislike of our countrymen for anything that has the semblance of a meeting called for charitable purposes, we would be compelled to think that such a noble, philanthropic thought has no adherents among Chicago Bohemians.

The meeting was brought to order by the Literary Society's chairman, Mr. Lajer, who explained the purpose of the meeting. Mr. C. Hloucal, was secretary of the meeting.

We must express our regret over the fact, that with the exception of the true Nationalist, our old Mr. Svoboda, all the speakers were in opposition



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to the founding of the Orphanage. The discussion was lively and interesting and deviated from the main subject toward the end: that is, to the discussion of whether or not the Bohemian Nationalistic Ideals should be upheld in America. After a lengthy debate the following resolutions were adopted:

- (1) That the expenses involved in maintaining an Orphanage are so great, that it is impossible for Chicago Bohemians to attend to the building of a National Orphanage.
- (2) We urge all Benefit and Nationalistic Societies to provide for the public care of orphans in all cities.
- (3) That for the preservation of our Nationality it is an unavoidable necessity, first of all, to found Bohemian Schools, both daily and Sunday; and we further urge National Societies in other cities where there are no Bohemian Schools, to take necessary steps for their founding.

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Svornost, March 24, 1881

## CZECHO-SLOVAK ORPHANAGE

To the Honorable Editor:-

For Bohemians in America there is nothing of greater importance than the establishment of an orphanage. Therefore, I take the privilege to make the following suggestions:

(1) That there may be a committee appointed as soon as possible, in Chicago, for the purpose of building and maintaining a Czecho-Slovak Orphanage.

(2) This central committee will invite by circulars and by means of the various papers, all Bohemian-American Lodges and Societies, as well as individuals, to institute collections or themselves make donations.

So that there may be a beginning to the collection of funds, my wife and I will give fifty dollars for the establishment of a Czecho-Slovak Orphanage in America. This money, I will forward as soon as I find out that a committee has met and where the money should be sent.

Respectfully,

London, March 7, 1881

Josef Bartos.



Svornost, March 24, 1881

Editor's Remarks

We are almost ashamed to admit, that we are, we American-Bohemians, in our national interests, so careless and slow in a work of such usefulness. For over two years we have been writing, speaking and debating about this very important matter of a Bohemian Orphanage and not one cent, not one workable resolution, not one person has come forward to form a committee to investigate how best to accomplish the purpose, and now we must receive the first \$50.00 from a countryman in London, who has not seen America, and does not know us except for what he is able to read about us in the Daily Newspapers.

With this \$50.00 the first decisive step is taken and our national Lodges would be traitors in accordance to their laws, to their own members if they allowed this offer to pass by and allowed the matter of providing for an Orphanage to lay dormant for several more years.

Thus far we have in America one orphanage,--The Bohemian-Polish Catholic Orphanage; it was founded by the Catholics and is supported through annual contributions.



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Let us stop talking and arguing and go to work. Let us not argue about individual ideas as to how and what would be the best thing to do first, but let us have a committee elected, which will receive all suggestions and will then proceed to pick out those most suitable to the purpose.

The time for work has arrived, our nationality is calling and whoever is a true son, let him accept his share of this beneficent work.

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 29, 1922.

A REQUEST MADE BY THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S  
HOME AND ORPHANAGE

My dear countrymen!

The day of November 1, 1922 is near at hand and my wards are looking forward to your visit. They desire to show you that the sacrifices which you made in their behalf were not in vain.

Since there is quite a distance between our institution and the place where our concert is to be given, I wish that everyone who owns a car, and can spare the time, will be good enough to come here at 7 P. M., sharp, to transport our orphans to Pilsen Park and make arrangements to bring them back after the concert. There will be twenty-five of us and the musical instruments. It will facilitate matters if you will let me know, before Monday night, whether or not you are able to do us this favor.

Thanking you in advance I remain,

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NEWS OF THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S  
HOME AND ORPHANAGE  
Minutes of the Last Meeting

The meeting was opened by Mr. Suchy, president of the board of delegates to the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). It began at the appointed hour and was well attended. Due to the absence of the regular secretary her place was taken by Mrs. R. Lorenz, who read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Mr. Suchy pointed out an error, which had been missed both in the minutes and the press report of the meeting, pertaining to the resignation of Mr. Smith, former business manager of the Utulna. According to a report in the minutes Mr. Smith is supposed to have resigned because the remuneration was insufficient. This was incorrect because Mr. Smith resigned on account of the poor health of his wife, and he asked that a correction be made in the minutes accordingly. The president then introduced the new business manager, Mr. Jan Patak, announcing that he is subject only to

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the authority of the board of directors. The delegates were requested to take cognizance of this fact and were instructed not to try to question his decisions as it would only tend to confuse matters. Mr. Patak has shown himself to be a competent and meticulous manager and, being accountable only to the board, will work for the good of the whole institution. The secretary read the correspondence which did not contain anything important. The board will send a letter to the Ceskoslovenska Hudebni Unie (Czechoslovak Musical Union) in reply to their letter which was written in the form of a complaint. The answer will stress the fact that the board recognizes that an error has been committed and that it is fully aware of the merits of the Union and its accomplishments in behalf of the Utulna; further, that no insult to the Union was intended.

The treasurer, Mr. Petru, read a report on disbursements for the past month but, since the business manager did not have time to present his report, no total was given. The president reported that Mr. August Geringer made a gift of \$200 to the Utulna and it was decided that a letter of thanks be sent to him

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The president further reported that the Tag Day collections for this year were much smaller than those of last year, the amount for last year being \$2,000, whereas this year only a little more than \$900 was collected [Trans-  
lator's note: The correct amount was \$973.21]. It would be worth while to find out the reason for such a discrepancy so that it could be rectified in the future.

It was pointed out that the playgrounds of the institution are not well located, and that it would therefore be desirable to change their location, building a lawn instead, and thus giving a more attractive appearance to the premises. The playgrounds ought to be located in the rear of the buildings. The house physician, Dr. Stulik, found the state of health of our children to be much better than at the time of his last examination; the dentist's report was similarly encouraging. The board of directors decided to keep the cows despite the fact that recommendations were made to obtain milk for our children from other sources, and that the latter method would prove to be more sanitary.

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Our milk supply will be used for the manufacture of butter and cheese. The application of Mrs. Marie Chmelir for admission to the institution was rejected by the board; that of Mrs. Barbora Balej was favorably acted upon and the applicant will be admitted.

According to Mr. Petru, the treasurer, Attorney Lewy Mayer, recently deceased, bequeathed \$100,000 to charitable institutions without specifically naming any. Mr. Petru mailed a request to the executor of Attorney Mayer's estate asking that our institution be remembered; his letter was answered by the executor who said that the request of the Utulna will be given consideration when the will of Attorney Mayer is probated.

A concert will be given for the benefit of the Utulna and the delegate, Mrs. Sedlacek, has suggested that Mr. De Rubini, whose real name is Evzen Plachy, be asked to perform some of his tricks on that occasion, thus making the concert more attractive. Mr. De Rubini will be requested to appear. The entertainment

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committee reported that an excellent program has been arranged and that anyone staying away would regret not having attended.

Milada Pechal, a five-year-old girl, has requested admission to the institution; her father died recently. The proper committee will investigate this case. Otilie Pechal, a three-year-old sister of Milada, also requested to be admitted. This application will be handled similarly.....Tomas Berdel, aged 10 years and living at 2551 South Troy Street, has also applied for admission. Another application was that of Frank Groessl, aged 82 years, residing at 3620 Southport Avenue. The applicant was born at Rousperk near Pilsen [Czechoslovakia] and speaks a broken Bohemian. He has seven children. This application was referred to the investigation committee. The parties who made application in behalf of the Pechal children are to call on Mr. Josef Oborny, at 1842 Fisk Street.

An election was held to fill the office of recording secretary to replace Mrs. Krbec; one member of the board of directors was to be elected also to replace

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the retired Mr. Trnka. Mr. Jan Lehman was nominated for the office of secretary, and when the nominations were closed, he was unanimously elected. The newly elected secretary was introduced by the president and took over his duties immediately. Mrs. Anna Kosandr was nominated as a new member of the board of directors. The nominations were closed and Mrs. Kosandr was unanimously elected. The new member of the board was....greeted by the president and she, too, took over her duties at once.

At the last convention of the Sesterska Podporujici Jednota (Bohemian Sisterhood) a banquet was given in honor of the delegates. At this banquet a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Utulna and realized the sum of \$84.60. This amount was now presented to the treasurer by Mrs. Brychta, who accompanied the gift with a nice speech. Mr. F. J. Petru presented \$18.50, collected in behalf of the Utulna during the convention of the Illinois aid societies meeting in Peoria, Illinois.....During an intermission in this meeting an apron was raffled off for the benefit of the institution. The raffle netted \$7.30 and Mrs. Kosandr won the prize.

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[Translator's note: A list of persons who took part in the Tag Day activity on October 16, 1922 is omitted in translation. There were forty persons who volunteered. After each name is listed the amount collected, the total being \$973.21.]

Thanks are due to all the Bohemian daily papers for their announcements made during the week preceding the Tag Day--the Denni Hlasatel and the Svornost. We are likewise grateful to the management of the Pilsen Sokol for the use of their hall on that occasion; we thank Mr. and Mrs. Zika for their work and patience, and finally we thank all the noble ladies for taking part in the Tag Day activity itself; without their help there would have been no returns.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 8, 1922.

NEWS FROM THE BOHEMIAN  
OLD PEOPLE'S HOME  
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I will always remember the day of September 30, 1922, for on that day President Vojtech Suchy started me out as manager of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). It is not my intention at this time to describe the emotions which filled my heart on that memorable day; I shall say briefly that never before have I had such an experience. Mr. Suchy, after calling the entire personnel to his office, sincerely thanked the retiring manager, Mr. A. Smith, for his unselfish and hard work,....taking this opportunity also to thank the entire personnel of the institution. Having received the keys from the former manager, Mr. Suchy then turned to me and in a few well-chosen words outlined my duties, indicated what the Czech people expect of me, and stressed the requirements made by the board of directors. Then, having handed the keys to me, he said, "Mr. Patak, accept

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these keys as a symbol of opening your heart for the good of all [the inmates] of our institution; and of giving all your energies so that our poor orphans may be developed into self-respecting citizens and thus bring honor to this institution. Attend to the aged and the young with like respect....."

One could hear his own heart beat in the silence that followed.....Taking the keys, I promised that I would attend to my duties, I pledged my love for the old and the young. I bade adieu to the retiring manager; I shook the hand of every member of the personnel, asking everyone to stand by me in this great and ennobling work. I explained to all of them what our duties were to be....and having received the assurances of everyone as to the teamwork which now awaited us, I felt inspired to go on with the work.....

Shortly thereafter my work actually began.....Of course conditions are not as

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everybody would like them to be, but the inmates of this institution feel at home; they feel that they are among their own; in short they are happy. I do not wish to describe every phase of our life here in great detail, and will content myself merely by saying that we all get along very well, that we help one another, that we try to accede to the wishes of one another, and though many of us hail from different parts of the country, we do feel as though we were one family.

The visit of Mr. Kotal, the Bohemian globe-trotter, was hailed with much enthusiasm. He was greeted by Mr. Suchy and Mr. Smith, and after spending some moments in my office, his arrival was announced to the inmates by our trumpeter. This gave everyone an opportunity to see and meet this intrepid traveler. Mr. Kotal then addressed the inmates and shook hands with everyone. After an inspection of the premises, he said: "I admire greatly the spirit of sacrifice in our countrymen. [The Utulna....] is a veritable monument to

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brotherly love." Nor did he forget the little pleasures of our inmates; he brought some delicacies which were greatly enjoyed by every one of them. /I take this opportunity/ to thank him.

Sunday, a regular visiting day in our institution, turned out to be a busy one, and the time passed rapidly; before we knew it, evening was at hand, and we retired with the feeling that we are not forgotten by our friends.

Judging by the number of gifts made to us, the Utulna has a great many friends indeed. Thanks are especially due to the following generous people: Mr. Frank Panuska, 3414 West 26th Street, who brought two hundred pounds of freshly caught fish which provided a tasty meal for all the inmates; Mrs. V. Jelinek, 2610 South Millard Avenue, who made us a gift of various articles of clothing; Mrs. Marie Linhart, 2159 West 21st Street, made us a gift of assorted articles of clothing; the Klub Ceskych Obcanek 34 Wardy (Bohemian Women's

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Club of the 34th Ward) which collected \$35.13 for our benefit at a surprise party given for Alderman John Toman. We also extend our thanks for the gifts of money received. [Names of cash donors are omitted in translation.]

[All of the above gifts were made] during the period of September 22 to October 6, 1922.] Before finishing this report let me add that while examining the books of the Utulna, I came across the names of some of our countrymen who do not pay their [pledged] contributions and who could so easily pay the amounts they owe us. My heart ached when I noticed these delinquent accounts. I shall inform everyone who failed to make a payment how much money is due us by him, and I sincerely hope that everyone receiving such a notice from me will discharge his duty in the same manner as our institution does by taking good care of those unfortunates who were sent to us.

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The inmates presented a beautiful bouquet to the retiring manager, Mr. Smith, thus showing how much they respected him. Both the old and the young are looking forward to the innovations which I promised them and which rightfully are due them. I am quite certain that the entire Czech public will work hand in glove with me, thus making our life here as pleasant as possible. One of our young inmates died, and was buried on Monday, October 2, 1922. She was little Marie Vana, a sweet and darling child who gained the love of everyone in the institution. Her demise is borne with sorrow by all of us. Requiescat in pace!

Again I wish to express my gratitude to all in the name of the institution, and remain

Very respectfully,  
Jan Patak, manager.

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 6, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

During the celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of Henry and Bozena Kafka, Avers Avenue and West 26th Street, on July 29, our charitable institutions were remembered. Mrs. Dolezal, Mrs. Sedlacek, and Mrs. Kafka made a collection for the benefit of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), and the Sirotcinec Svateho Josefa v Lisle, Illinois (Saint Joseph's Orphanage at Lisle, Illinois). The ladies collected \$20 to which Mr. Kafka added \$5; total \$25.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 20, 1922.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DELEGATES TO  
THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The regular monthly meeting of the Sbor Utulny a Sirotcinec (Board of Delegates to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) took place last night in the lower hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies), May and 18th Streets. The meeting started promptly at 8 P. M. with Mr. Vojtech Suchy presiding. The attendance was large and the deliberations of the Sbor very active, even stormy at times. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The correspondence received during the month was as follows: A communication from the Jaroslava Lodge No. 8 of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Union), informing the Sbor that Mrs. Ruzena Lorenz is its new delegate to supersede its retiring delegate, Mrs. Marie Kristan. A letter from the Vlasta Lodge No. 9 of the Sesterska Podporujici Jednota (Bohemian Sisterhood), enclosing

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a gift of \$15....The investigating committee recommended the admission of the following applicants (some of whom were already admitted and now reside in the Utulna): Mrs. Marie Dorotka, 63 years old; Josef Koukol, 6 years old; Robert Koukol, 4 years old; Vladimir Pachman, 5 years old; Vlasta Pachman, 7 years old; Josef Havelka, 5 years old; Robert Kozel, 4 years old.

The treasurer of the Sbor, Mr. Petru, announced that the annual concert given by our institutions will be given this year on October 5, 1922, and as usual, will take place in the pavilion of Pilsen Park. He also explained the difficulties in maintaining the property on Warren Avenue, and was of the opinion that it would be better to dispose of it. The sale of this property was approved. Mr. Petru further reported that Mr. Pechar, the stone mason, who purchased a part of the aforementioned property, paid \$75 as part payment and gave his note for \$500.

The secretary of the board of directors, Mr. Trnka, arrived at the meeting and

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read the minutes of three meetings of that board. The minutes contained the following: In the meetings of the board of directors, the three children of Rudolf Zettek were admitted to the Sirotcinec, as were also the two children belonging to Josef Koukol. The fathers of these children obligated themselves to pay for their keep, and the children are already residing in the institution. Adolf Tachman, who made an application to have his two children admitted into the Sirotcinec, informed the board that he will be unable to pay the fee for their maintenance. He was referred to the Juvenile Court and his children were admitted to the institution. The aged Mrs. Marie Dorotka [vide supra], a member of the Svojanov Lodge of the Ceska Sesterska Jednota, made an application for admission to the Utulna. Her condition required that immediate steps be taken to have her admitted by the board. This was done and she was admitted.

The secretary read the letter of resignation of the manager of the Utulna a Sirotcinec, Mr. Bohumil Fischer. After some discussion his resignation was

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accepted; both Mr. and Mrs. Fischer were greatly overburdened with work during the eighteen months following an operation which Mrs. Fischer had to undergo. The board realized that their claim was just, accepted their resignation, and at the same time decided to advertise in the two Bohemian dailies, the Svornost and the Denni Hlasatel, to the effect that there is an opening for the position of manager.

In regard to the letter written by the management of the F. B. Zdrubek Free Thought School in which a protest is voiced against the proposed classes in Czech to be organized in the Sirotcinec, it was decided to refer this matter for decision to the committee of the Svobodomyslné Skoly (Free Thought Schools) and also to the management of the said F. B. Zdrubek Free Thought School.

The official report of the house physician, Dr. Stulik, Jr., was read. The doctor stated that the health of the inmates was generally good. In his work, Dr. Stulik was assisted by Drs. John M. Krasa and J. J. Pomazl. The



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veterinary, Dr. Rudolf Heller, submitted written proof that all cows kept by the institution were free of tuberculosis. As to the sale of certain parcels of land owned by the Utulna, it was decided to ask for the expert opinion of several real-estate men who would be able to fix the value of the said property. It was decided to order the next coal supply from the Wisconsin Lime and Cement Company which supplied us with coal during the past.

Eight of our children completed their eighth year of grammar school successfully, and it was decided to send them to high school.

In the board of director's meeting, which was held on July 17, applications for the job of manager [vide supra] were considered. There were six applicants. After listening to a report by Mr. Vojtech Suchy, who interviewed these applicants, it was decided to consider the application of Mr. Anthony J. Smith. This man is presently employed as engineer and was formerly an

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officer in the United States Navy.

It was announced that Mrs. Storkan made a gift of linens and other objects which are to be used in the room bearing her name. The ladies' auxiliary made a gift of linen to our children. The minutes of the board of directors were approved as read with the proviso that in the future they are to be read separately. Translator's note: In this meeting the secretary read the minutes of three meetings of the board of directors./....

Mrs. Marek expressed her astonishment over the resignation of Mr. B. Fischer. The president thereupon explained the circumstances, and remarked that Mr. and Mrs. Fischer, being a relatively young married couple, found their life in the Sirotcinec to be rather oppressive, and since the young people require certain social diversions, their life in the institution must have seemed dull. Besides that, Mrs. Fischer has undergone an operation following a rather severe illness and, as a result, could not fulfill all her duties as

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housekeeper in such an institution as ours without further endangering her health. The majority of the delegates were not satisfied with the reasons given, and with the explanation /offered by the president/, and Mr. Lehman insisted that Mr. Fischer give his reasons to the Board of Delegates personally....The president called the attention of that delegate to the fact that his request may not be granted since it is opposed to all the principles of the Sbor. The board of directors is the only authority in this respect. Only that board may hire, dismiss, or accept the resignations /of the employees of the Utulna/. Mr. Lehman then moved that all constitutional principles, rules, regulations, etc., be suspended for ten minutes, and that Mr. Fischer be asked to speak. The motion was carried and Mr. Fischer obtained the floor. He explained that he had no intention of giving the real reasons for his resignation but, being pressed by the delegates, he acceded to their demands and is ready to justify his act as follows:

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they became unbearable. They had their origin among the members of the board of directors. So many orders reached his office that he was unable to do justice to all of them. He named the vice-president of the board and gave reasons for his clash with her. And this one case was not the only reason [for his resignation]. He stated that he asked for a salary increase. His salary was only \$75 a month, an amount too meager to compensate him for fulfilling those duties that were imposed upon him. His request for such an increase was refused, and this led to his resignation.

In defending herself, the vice-president, Mrs. Gruenwald, mentioned certain shady conditions existing in the management of the kitchen of the Sirotcinec, and said that when she called the attention of the manager to them, she was refused entrance into the kitchen, and that Mr. Fischer also forbade her to have any contact or conversation with the inmates of the institution. After the passage of this ten-minute interlude, order was again restored.

Mrs. Velik called the attention of the board of directors to a gift of \$200,

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already reviewed by the Probate Court, the gift being in accordance with the last will and testament of her relative who thus remembered the Sirotcinec.....Mr. Trnka then announced that our children will continue to attend the F. B. Zdrubek Free Thought School. The decision [that the children] continue their attendance there was unanimous. Mr. R. Glass, a member of the Cesky Delnický Pevecký Sbor (Bohemian Workingmen's Singing Society), reported that the concert given by that Society in the Carter H. Harrison High School on June 16, for the benefit of the Sirotcinec, netted the sum of \$301 which amount he delivered to the president. This joyous piece of news was loudly acclaimed by the Sbor, and it was moved that the devotion of the Workingmen's Singing Society be respected by sending them a letter of appreciation.

Only one application for admission to the Utulna was handled in this meeting. It concerned the case of Mr. Josef Taborsky who is 72 years old. It was referred to the investigating committee. The secretary, Mrs. Brabec, announced that in the recent tag day report an unpleasant omission occurred in not

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listing the names of three ladies. These were Mrs. Berta Kucera, who collected \$23.69; Mrs. T. Novak, who turned in the sum of \$27.21; and Mrs. Ludmila Cerny, whose collection amounted to \$17.51. Mr. B. Fischer then rendered his last financial report. The expenditures amounted to \$2,197.23; receipts were \$3,148.27. Both receipts and disbursements were approved.

At this juncture another debate was launched as to how the two institutions should be managed. The treasurer of the Sbor, Mr. Frank J. Petru, suggested that for all future cases /requiring it/ a committee on complaints be appointed which would undertake the task of investigating such complaints as would occur. This very interesting meeting was then brought to a close.

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REPORT OF A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
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The regular monthly meeting of the Sbor Utulny a Sirotcince (board of delegates to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) took place last night in the lower hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies), 18th and May Streets. The meeting....was more spirited than usual; at times, one may say, even stormy, but the debates were all to the point and harmony prevailed among the delegates. The meeting started punctually at 8 P. M. having been opened by Mr. V. Suchy, the president. The secretary, Mrs. Bozena Krabec, read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read.

The reading of correspondence followed. Vaclav J. Petrzelka informed the board that twenty books, in the Bohemian and English languages, were donated by him to the Sirotcinec for its library. The management of the Svobodomyslna Skola F. Zdrubek (F. Zdrubek Bohemian Free Thought School) announced that on July 1, 1922, it will conduct its graduation exercises, and asked that the boys' orchestra of

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the Sirotcinec be permitted to play on that occasion. This request was granted. The Premyslovna Lodge No. 5 of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Union) informed us that Mrs. Anna Vanourek, who could not take an active part in the tag day activity for the benefit of the Utulna, made a collection of \$14 in its behalf among the members of her lodge....which will be turned over to the treasurer of the board at its next meeting....(The aforesaid sum had been turned in.) The Pravoslav Trojan Lodge No. 5 of the Cesko-Slovanska Jednota (Czechoslovakian Union) sent \$13 in honor of its departed member Mrs. M. Janosik. The management of the F. B. Zdrubek Bohemian Free Thought School sent a letter in which the management was "sorry to hear about the proposed discontinuance of instruction for the children belonging to the Sirotcinec" and desired to know "why this should be so when the F. B. Zdrubek School and its management have always done their duties toward the Sirotcinec". (To make this matter clear to our readers we must mention the fact that the Sirotcinec decided to organize its own school. Some of the delegates opposed this move, but it was finally decided to investigate the whole matter and refer it to the board of directors of the Utulna.) The Social and Benevolent Ladies' Circle of Bohemian California



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[A Bohemian district in Chicago] sent \$5 to the Utulna in lieu of inserting a notice of sympathy for the death of Mrs. Marie Kodidka....also \$2.50 was enclosed in lieu of purchasing tickets to a concert to be given by the Lyra Society for the music fund of the Utulna.

The reading of correspondence finished, the office manager, Mr. B. Fiser, presented all the current bills which were approved. Thereupon the secretary read applications for admission to the Utulna and the Sirotcinec. The Utulna admitted the sixty-three-year-old John Serbin, an unmarried man, of Grant Works [sic], Minnesota, but since his case has not yet been thoroughly investigated, the proper committee will do so. (The aged man in question brought \$2,500 with him.)

The following requests for admission to the Sirotcinec were handled by the board of delegates: Robert Kozel, age 3 years and 9 months, whose divorced mother is employed as a telephone operator and resides at 1052 Springfield Avenue;

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Vladimir Pachman, age 5 years, and Vlasta Pachman, age 7 years, whose father resides at 2608 Ogden Avenue; three children belonging to Mrs. Augusta Tomany, (the said lady omitted, in making her application, to give her address and should, therefore, make inquiries of Mr. Frantisek Vilimek who is a member of the investigation committee and resides at 1818 South Throop Street); and finally the case of Josef and R. Koukola of 2412 South Springfield Avenue.

It was announced in this meeting that the now disbanded society of Ostrostrelci (Sharpshooters) donated its silk American flag together with the shrine in which it is kept in the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky hall to the Utulna.

In the meantime, the secretary of the executive committee, Mr. Josef Trnka, arrived to read the minutes of the last meeting of the board of directors. The minutes were as follows:

"A contract made with the Kaspar State Bank in behalf of the reserve fund of

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the Utulna a Sirotcinec was fully entered into and signed for the bank by Mr. William Kaspar, president, and by Mr. Smrcka, secretary. It was signed by Mr. Vojtech Suchy, president, and Mrs. Bozena Krabec, secretary of the Utulna. This contract is in substance the same as it was when proposed at a former meeting of the board of delegates and by whom it was approved, with the recommendation that some of its wording be made clearer for the better understanding of the parties involved. The trustees of the bank received \$12,000 in cash, and two notes--each having a face value of \$4,000--the total being \$20,000. The entire transaction was handled by Messrs. Vojtech Suchy, Antonin Charvat, and F. J. Petru. It will become operative on July 1, 1922, and will continue for ten years or until the fund reaches the sum of \$50,000. The contract is in duplicate; one copy to be retained by the bank, the other by the officers of the Utulna. This report was fully approved by the board of delegates. Mr. Petru collected the amount of \$2,000 on the matured bonds issued by the West Side Hospital together with the interest accrued thereon. Since the bonds were a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Fucik who stipulated that the interest therefrom be used for the

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purpose of providing clothing and other necessities for two children of the Sirotcinec who are absolute orphans and have no one to care for them. It was decided that Mr. Suchy and Mr. Petru should care for the safe-keeping of the money and deposit the interest accruing thereon, that is, \$60 in the treasury of the Utulna to be used for the purposes for which it was originally intended. Interest accruing on the aforementioned notes, two of \$4,000 each, was \$440, and was collected by Mr. Petru.

"Beginning on July 1, 1922, Dr. Karel Stulik, Jr., will serve as the house physician of the Utulna. This matter was approved at the last meeting of the Sbor and the board of directors. The contract in all its details will be handled by Mr. Antonin Charvat. The contractual agreement with Dr. Stulik, Jr., is to last till the end of this year. His work and medical supervision will greatly benefit the inmates and further the progress of our institutions. And will be regularly reported on to the Sbor and the general public.

"The installation of a radio receiving set was reported. The set was placed in

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the playroom where the inmates will be able to listen to lectures, concerts, etc. in the evening.....The set is said to be one of the best available, and is a gift of Mr. Mrizek, owner of the Atlas Baking Company, to whom the inmates and the board of directors are grateful.

It was reported that the children of the Sirotcinec took part in the Memorial Day celebration at the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov (Bohemian National Cemetery) where they recited several poems. Following that celebration Judge Righeimer paid a visit to the Sirotcinec and was pleasantly surprised by the neatness, cleanliness, and the general equipment of the place. The children, too, were dressed for the occasion and made a good impression upon the visitor. For this, thanks are due to the Dámy Ceskeho Sirotcince (Ladies' Aid Society of the Bohemian Orphanage). The children's orchestra gave a concert that same afternoon, and their zeal and devotion to this new phase in the life of the Orphanage was clearly noticeable. The orchestra is under the leadership of Mr. Rubringer, and according to a report, his orchestra will play at a public meeting in the near future. It was

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further reported that the new playgrounds for the children is now ready for use. New apparatus has been provided and the entire equipment valued at \$650 was likewise furnished by the Ladies' Aid Society. The grounds answer all requirements fully.

"Fifty children had a picnic at Riverview Park....; and at this juncture permission was given that they also take part in another picnic which is to be arranged by the Sdruzeni Svobomyslnych Skol (Federation of Bohemian Free Thought Schools), and will take place in the Cook County Forest Preserves. The children will be given refreshments. Permission was also given for the children's orchestra to play during the convention of the Slovanska Podporujici Jednota (Slavonic Benevolent Union) on August 23, 1922.....The Utulna admitted an aged woman, Mrs. Vana, on May 13. One of our steady benefactors, Mrs. Rinn, purchased various carpets and other room equipment for those rooms which she maintains at her own expense. The Sbor of the Bohemian National Cemetery donated plants and flowers of various kinds to be planted in front of our building.....At the present

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moment there are 93 children in the Orphanage and 36 aged people in the Home."

The item concerning the contract made with the Kaspar State Bank brought forth a lengthy and lively debate, but since every member had a chance to study its wording and features, the contract will now remain in full force. The treasurer, Mr. F. J. Petru, reported that he received a check for \$1,856.56 through the First National Bank. This sum was the result of the tag day operations in behalf of the Sirotcinec. He received \$23.20 from those ladies who could not take an active part in the collection; this makes the total from that source \$1,879.76 a greater amount than in any previous year....

A parcel of land belonging to the institution and located on Springfield Avenue was offered for sale; a debate concerning this item was rather lively but it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the board of directors which will investigate it further and make its report at the next meeting.....According to the report of the office manager, the income during the past month was

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\$4,161.74 and the disbursements for the same period amounted to \$14,149.49 (this included the \$12,000 turned over to the Kaspar State Bank for our reserve fund).

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A MONTHLY REPORT OF THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The gifts of various kinds which reached the office of the Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) between May 15, 1922, and June 15, 1922, amounted to \$360.76. The following individuals and organizations contributed: [Translator's note: The names of contributors and the amounts contributed, a list one column long, is omitted in translation.] Besides these gifts in money, other contributions were made to the Utulna. Messrs. Charles Kubik and John Albrecht gave their tonsorial services gratis to 55 inmates. Mr. Stepan Havel, a barber, gave free haircuts to 35 inmates. Mrs. Emilie Forst, of 3405 West 26th Street, made a gift of clothing, as did the Misses Nevolo and Hrisny. The Pilsen Brewing Company and Mr. John A. Cervenka gave us a set of books valued at \$60..... Mrs. Roubal, of 4808 Elizabeth Street, gave us a trombone. Mr. J. Richter painted the bass drum belonging to the children's orchestra. Mr. Charles Novak, of 1652 Blue Island Avenue, donated five gallons of paint. The management of the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov (Bohemian National Cemetery) gave us a quantity of fresh flowers and

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was also helpful in delivering to us certain necessities. The firm of J. F. Lalla made us a gift of candies and fruits for our children. We wish to express our deep gratitude to all of the generous givers, anticipating that our friends will continue to show us their favor in the future. Our Utulna A Sirotcinec occupies a unique place among our humane institutions, and it is noticeable that it enjoys a good reputation.....

Bohumil Fiser, office manager.

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NEWS FROM THE BOHEMIAN OLD  
PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The gifts and contributions received by the office of the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) from March 1, 1922 to April 1, 1922 are hereby acknowledged. /Translator's note: The names, addresses and other identifications of contributors and the amounts contributed in each case are omitted in translation. An entire column was devoted to this information. The grand total was \$1,776.06. The amounts were deposited with the Denni Hlasatel and the Svornost, which transmitted them to the Utulna; others were mailed directly./ The Utulna is grateful to all the generous givers and asks for continued favors,....

Mr. Bohumil Fiser, Business Manager.

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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOHEMIAN  
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It will surely please all the generous benefactors and friends of our institution [St. Benedict's Home for the Aged in Chicago] if we give a brief survey of our annual meeting which was held on January 9, 1922 in the parish hall of the Saint Vitus Church. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Reverend Prokop Neuzil, C.S.B. [Order of Saint Benedict], who then gave a survey of the activities during 1921. The committee appointed to serve in 1921 was particularly busy with the drafting and sanctioning of our constitution, the incorporation of our institution, and the thorough repairs of the whole building..... We now own an up-to-date edifice that is well fitted to shelter our aged men and women and the destitute girls of the Chicago [area].

Reverend P. Neuzil on this occasion spoke very flatteringly about the

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Distriktni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku (District Alliance of Bohemian Catholics of Chicago), which, by its arrangement of the Svatovaclavska Pout (Festival of Saint Wenceslaus), removed those financial difficulties with which our institution was threatened. Ours is the only institution of its kind among the Bohemian Catholics in America.....

The treasurer, Mr. Vaclav Radous, submitted a detailed financial report for the year: The total income for the year was \$10,285.19; the expenses amounted to \$15,976.47, including expenses connected with the repair of the building--\$15,546.82. To cover the expenses, it was necessary to borrow \$6,000; but \$5,000 of this amount has already been repaid according to the report of the last meeting on March 7, 1922. This is also a proof of how well we manage our money.

Reverend Eduard Bladek, who is a temporary manager of the institution,

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reported that all of our inmates receive truly humane and Christian treatment ..... At the moment there are thirteen aged men and ten aged women sheltered by us.

Reverend Martin Hrizka reported for the investigating committee and announced that seventeen new cases have been investigated, of which only three have been accepted by the institution; the [committee] is now investigating two other cases.

Mrs. Rosalie Nedved reported on the interior conditions of the home and said that improvements and renovations of the living quarters continue; several rooms have been completely fitted out, and, among other things, new bed covers have been purchased.

The next item on the program was the election of new members of the board of

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directors of the Domov Svateho Benedikta Pro Starce a Stareny. Following the wish of the Archbishop of Chicago, the number of directors was reduced from fifteen to nine.

The following were elected: Reverend Innocent Kestl and Mrs. Antonie Serman for three years; Reverend Eduard Sladek and Mrs. Rosalie Medved for two years; Reverend Prokop Heuzil and Messrs. Antonin Lynous and Jan Cuska for one year. Besides these, two auxiliary members retained their offices. They are Reverend Frantisek Bozenek and Reverend Martin Krizka; the former is to continue his work as a reporter, the latter as an investigator of cases which are to be committed to the institution.....

We submit this brief report to our people in the hope that it will gain new supporters and friends for our Domov Svateho Benedikta Pro Starce a Stareny. Please send all contributions to the editors of this news paper or directly

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to the Saint Benedict's Home, 1716 West 18th Place, Chicago, Illinois. We  
thank all our generous givers beforehand, and may God almighty repay them  
for their generosity!

With a countryman's greeting to all,

Reverend Frantisek Bozenek, reporter



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A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DELEGATES TO THE BOHEMIAN  
OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

On Wednesday, March 15, a meeting of the board of delegates to the Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) took place in the lower hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) on 18th and May Streets. The meeting began promptly at 8 P.M. and was attended by a large number of delegates..... The secretary of the board, Mrs. Bozena Krabec, read the minutes of the previous meeting; they were unanimously approved as read.....

A letter from the Sbor Narodniho Hrbitova (Bohemian National Cemetery Association) addressed to the Utulna A Sirotcinec was read by the secretary. The Sbor Narodniho Hrbitova wishes to know whether the board of delegates to the Utulna A Sirotcinec wishes to take part in this year's Decoration Day ceremonies. It was decided that the board would take part in these ceremonies as usual, and if the board of delegates of the Narodni Hrbitov so desires, the children of the

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Sirotcinec will also take part in the program. The secretary is to inform the Narodni Hrbitor by letter. A number of bills were read and approved..... Among other items, the secretary's salary was mentioned, and since Mrs. Krabec contributed her entire salary to the Utulna A Sirotcinec, it was decided that she should be rewarded for her work with a leather portfolio for her books and secretarial papers. The treasurer, Mr. Frank J. Petru reported that according to the probated will of Mr. John Staigr, deceased on January 8, 1921, a bequest of \$1,000 from that source goes to the treasury of the Utulna A Sirotcinec. The said amount was actually paid to the organization a few days ago.

Mr. P. Trnka, secretary of the board of directors of the Utulna A Sirotcinec, read the minutes of the meeting of that body. The reading revealed the following: Mrs. Smolar, a delegate of our institution, presented a report about a complaint made against us by the Children's Benefit League, which claims that some of our ladies tagged on street corners purportedly not assigned to them. Our institution was ably defended in this matter by Mrs. Smolar, so much so that in the directors' meeting of the said league, our rights were fully recognized and

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the blame for the misunderstanding rests upon some minor official of the said league who assigned the same street corners to several charitable institutions. To smooth this matter out, it was decided to return two tag boxes containing \$16.91, one of which is to be given to the institute for crippled children.

Mr. Jolly, a chartered public accountant who was present at the board of directors' meeting, explained some of the items in the annual financial report and recommended that some corrections be made in the bookkeeping of the Utulna A Sirotcinec. He particularly stressed the need for making a new inventory, so that all property, real estate, and equipment could be revaluated in accordance with current figures, for in our books these properties are listed according to old estimates, which were much lower than they are today. Such an inventory is necessary for other purposes as well, such as insurance. The inventory would cost us about \$500. The entire problem will be presented at the next meeting of the board.

Miss Lorenz, a registered nurse, reported on the health of our children and

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their needs. Our children's health is good. The nurse recommended that a Little Mothers Club be organized among our girls, and that they be instructed by a competent person about personal hygiene and how to retain good health. This recommendation will be worked out in detail with the assistance of our physicians, and the club itself will be organized as soon as possible. The Sirotcinec now has 55 boys and 36 girls; the Utulna has 18 old men and 17 old women. One of the aged men, Mr. Vimer, died during the month of February.

One of the young inmates, Josef Zak, sent a letter in which he thanked us for rearing and educating him, he promised always to be an honest and upright man and to bring honor to himself and the institution which sheltered him.

On February 16, an old man named Kanka was temporarily taken in among the inmates of the Utulna. This was done with the approval of the board of directors. Since his conduct has been very disorderly and he has, on one previous occasion, been excluded, it was decided that he should be removed, because by his insubordination he makes life difficult for the other inmates of the Utulna.....

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The manager complained about an institutional trouble of long standing, namely, the practice of bringing candy to the children without the knowledge and permission of the manager, who has repeatedly forbidden this. Another very bad custom is the gifts of cash money by the visitors. The results of both of these practices are equally vicious; the children stuff themselves with candy, get sick, and endanger their health by promiscuous munching of sweets. Our people were notified not to engage in these practices; it was forbidden by the board of directors; but all in vain. The manager was asked to take necessary measures to prevent this.

The board of directors recommended the printing of the annual financial report.....

During a conference held on March 10, the directors were advised by Mr. George J. Holek, an attorney for the Western State Bank, about a reserve fund. Its main features are the following: Any money, valuable papers, etc., which would be deposited in the bank for this reserve fund, are not included in the total capital of the bank, and in case of bankruptcy, could not be counted as a part

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of the assets of the bank; they are protected by a guarantee which is deposited with the state auditor and are discounted both by the state and the clearing-bank systems. According to Mr. Holek, it would not cost more for such an institution as ours to have the reserve fund handled by a bank than it would for us to handle it ourselves. It is probable that if we handled the fund ourselves, it would be more expensive.

Drs. O. S. Pavlik and Allan J. Hruby, who attended this meeting, expressed their satisfaction with the state of health of our children and the hiring of a nurse. In regard to the matter of regular medical visits to the Utulna A Sirotcinec, it was decided that an agreement should be reached with some well-recommended physician who would call at both of our institutions regularly. The responsibility for this was assumed by Messrs. Charvat and Suchy.

The minutes of the meeting of the board of directors were approved after the matter of the reserve fund was explained more fully to the board of delegates. Mr. Petru moved that the reserve fund question be submitted to our Czech bankers,

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who would give us their opinions. All of them will be sent registered letters in a few days. Mrs. Marek moved that the annual financial report as worked out by the certified public accountant be accepted..... The president recommended that the financial report be ordered printed and that copies of it be sent chiefly to our Bohemian societies and organizations.....

Mrs. Smolar reminded the delegates that on May 15 the Chicago Federation of Aged and Adult Charities, of which the Utulna A Sirotcinec is a member, will have a tag day, and the Utulna A Sirotcinec should therefore make preparations now to reap benefits from it. This reminder was gratefully acknowledged by the board.

The income of the Utulna A Sirotcinec during the month of February was \$2,178.12; its expenses amounted to \$1,844.63.

Since there were no other items on the program of this meeting, it was adjourned.

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REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF THE UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

Period of January 1 to February 28, 1922.

Due to an unusual amount of work it was impossible for the manager of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) to make a report on incoming contributions and gifts at an earlier date; it is for this reason the present report reaches you one month later. [Translator's note: The names of contributors and other benefactors with amounts contributed are omitted in translation. The list is almost two columns long and totals \$1741.67.]

Besides these money gifts, articles of clothing and shoes, medicaments, toys, blankets, and other necessities were also given to the Utulna A Sirotcinec.

It is quite possible that in publishing the names of contributors, errors may have occurred, in which case it is requested that the party or parties whose names do not appear in this report communicate with me at once so that any possible error may be corrected in time. I render my warmest thanks to all



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the generous people who have remembered our institution in whatever form their gifts may have been. The number of our benefactors grows from day to day which is the best proof that our Bohemian people do their duty. It also serves as a stimulus for a continued effort in this direction.

Respectfully yours,  
Bohumil Fiser.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Slovacký Vzdělávací Klub (Slovak Educational Club) is well known in our national life by virtue of its activities. It not only develops appreciation for the beauties of life and art through uplifting and interesting entertainments, but it also endeavors to do good whenever and wherever an opportunity arises. It thinks not only about nationalistic but also about humanitarian aims. That this is so was proved again during its last meeting in which, basing its action on the deliberation of its members during the regular annual meeting, a resolution, to contribute \$25. to the Utulna A Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), was passed. The secretary of the Club is Mr. Eduard Flader, and the president Mr. Václav Kosner. It was the secretary who transmitted the above-mentioned amount to us. The managing director of the Utulna A Sirotčinec is requested to come to our office to collect the said money. We need not stress the point that the action of the Slovacký Vzdělávací Klub is worthy of following.

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DELEGATES OF THE BOHEMIAN  
OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

(Summary)

There was a meeting of the board of delegates of the Česká Útulna A Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) which took place last evening at eight o'clock in the lower hall of the Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies). It was very well attended. The meeting, which began promptly at 8 P. M., was opened by the president, Mr. Vojtěch Suchý. [This meeting] marks the beginning of a new season for this charitable institution. After the minutes of the preceding meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Božena Krabec, a motion was made and seconded that they be accepted as read. It appeared from the letters which were read that the Patronát Česko-Americké Svobodné Školy (Trustees of Bohemian-American Free Thought Schools) will discontinue the upkeep of its school due to an insufficient number of students; this organization has consequently divided its

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capital, giving \$288.50 to the Útulna A Sirotčinec and a similar amount to the České Sdružení Svobodomyslných Škol (Federation of Bohemian Free Thought Schools). The following societies and organizations have chosen their delegates to our board: [There follows a long list of lodges and their delegates.]

All of these delegates were appropriately greeted by the president and asked to work for the good of the Útulna A Sirotčinec. Thereupon, all the incoming bills were presented and read. The bills, totaling \$2454.06, were approved by the delegates [and payment was ordered]. Mr. Trnka, as secretary of the executive committee, then read the minutes of the meetings of that body. The minutes revealed the following:

Mr. Bohumil Fišer was re-appointed managing director of the Útulna A Sirotčinec, and Mrs. Fišer was reappointed matron. Mr. Fišer, as the managing director of the institution, was also appointed by the Juvenile court to act as an assistant of that court.

Applications for the acceptance of the following children by the institution

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were made: Helena Hájek, aged 12 years; Katerina Hajek, aged 8 years; Libuše Hájek, aged 4 years. These children are now under the surveillance of the Probate Court, and a decision had to be made in this meeting whether they are to be accepted by the Útulna A Sirotčinec, and the said court was to be advised accordingly. Their mother is dead and their father is an inmate of the state hospital at Dunning. It was unanimously decided to accept these children and to inform the court about the action.

A blank contract form was submitted [to the delegates for approval]. This document is a legal and binding contract between the board of directors of the Utulna A Sirotcinec and such persons who wish to make applications for the Utulna A Sirotcinec's acceptance of any aged person to whose support they could contribute as relatives or as children. In this document they agree to pay a certain sum of money every month. The document was composed by an experienced lawyer, and since it is of great advantage to us, the form was approved and five hundred copies were ordered printed.

An insurance policy against theft for \$1,500, covering the interior of [our]

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building, and for 1,500, covering the outside of it, was approved. The annual premium for this will be 480. Mesdames Smolař, Gruenwald, and Krabec reported [an incident] relative to the Children's Benefit League. It appears that on the last tag day, an error occurred, and, as some of the members of the said league claim, some of our ladies who tagged the passers-by for the benefit of our Útulna a Sirotčinec, did so on a street corner which was allotted to the members of some other institution; our ladies' committee is now being urged to return the boxes with money collected on that corner. Our ladies assert that they had a full right to tag people on that corner, and that the misunderstanding is the fault of some of the officials of the Children's Benefit League who assigned places to taggers, but who now do not want to acknowledge their own error. Such errors and misunderstandings are said to be quite usual in the aforesaid league, and due to the large number of organizations which are represented in it, they are easily committed. It is necessary [therefore] that our board defend our legal rights with firmness; it was approved that the board take the necessary steps in this direction.

For this year it will be our endeavor to secure as our representatives to

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the said league such ladies who are well acquainted with the English language and who would thus be enabled to represent the Útulna A Sirotčinec.

The managing director reported that all [our] children have been vaccinated; the medical services as well as the vaccines were furnished by Dr. Allan J. Hrubý.....A letter was read from the principal of the school which our children attend. The letter praises the appearance of our children, saying that they are clean, both in their bodies and their wearing apparel, and that he is also satisfied with their progress at school.....The managing director reported our bank deposits, which amount to \$13,197.67. As was decided in the previous meeting of the delegates, a reserve fund will be created ~~from~~ the sum of \$20,000 and the money will be applied toward the purchase of gilt-edged securities which will bring earnings. These earnings, together with any bequests left us--if not utilized for any other definite purposes--should be deposited in the reserve fund until they reach the sum of \$50,000. This matter is to be handled by the board of directors with the full approval of the board of delegates. Current gifts and contributions, however, as well as

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any other income, may not be used for this proposed reserve fund. This fund, to distinguish it from other funds--such as the clothing fund for children, etc.--shall be known as the reserve fund, and the board of directors may draw upon it only with the full approval of two thirds of the members of the board of delegates who are present in a meeting.....This matter is to be worked out in greater detail by Messrs. Suchý and Charyát.

Mrs. Urbánek reported on the matter of employing a registered nurse for our orphanage. This is also the wish of our Bohemian physicians.....The nurse, Miss Anna Lorenz, is well known by the recommending physicians.....

The president thanked everyone present, all of our institutions and organizations, and the representatives of the Denní Hlasatel and Svornost for their impartial reporting of all matters relative to the Útulna A Sirotčinec. He asked everyone to work unselfishly and thus furnish an example to others in their work. With this address, the memorable meeting came to an end, and we are now on the threshold of a new season and new work for the benefit of our

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most needy brothers of Czechoslovak origin--the helpless aged people of both sexes and the [unfortunate] orphans.

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FOR ST. BENEDICT'S HOME

The Domov Svatého Benedikta (St. Benedict's Home) of Chicago, for the aged of both sexes and for destitute girls, is the only Bohemian Catholic institution of its kind in America. It ranks among the youngest charitable institutions built and kept up by the generosity of the ever-sacrificing Bohemian Catholics in America. The charter meeting of the board of delegates of the Domov Svatého Benedikta took place on February 12, 1921. During the first year of its existence, the Domov gained its most effective support--more than three thousand dollars--from the St. Wenceslaus pilgrimage and church festival, which was arranged by the Chicagský Distriktní Svaz (Chicago district) of the Národní Svaz Českých Katolíků v Americe (National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics of America). The Ustředna (Central office) of the Národního Svazu Českých Katolíků, contributed \$500 from the Svatováclavská Daň (St. Wenceslaus Tax) of 1920, and a tidy sum was also contributed by many generous benefactors, both individuals and corporations, especially during the Christmas season and again on New Year's day of 1922.

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Special mention should be made of the tireless and self-sacrificing work of the women of the Sdružení Chicagských Spolku Katolické Ústřední Jednoty (Chicago Alliance of the First Central Union [of Bohemian Catholics]) who have independently contributed more than \$2,000 for the benefit of the Domov Svatého Benedikta. This latter amount was collected as follows: During the St. Wenceslaus pilgrimage, \$1,800; and during a mass visit of the Domov Svatého Benedikta on February 6, 1922, \$300; the total, therefore, is \$2,100, besides many useful articles which the women have begged from their acquaintances and others who are friends of the Catholic home for our aged people..... The next in order for special mention are the Sdružení Českých Katolických Lesníků (Catholic Order of Foresters), who are arranging an entertainment next Sunday, February 19, in Pilsen Park in Chicago. They will devote one half of the net proceeds from the entertainment to the Domov Svatého Benedikta..... Our women [it seems] do not wish to lag behind, and so the Sdružení Českých Katolických Lesnic (Catholic Order of Foresters [women]), according to information that has reached us, will arrange a public entertainment for the

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benefit of the Domov Svatého Benedikta.....Finally we wish to announce to the general public that many businessmen, lawyers, priests, physicians, and other prominent people have willingly contributed to the upkeep of our charitable institution, but as a rule, most of the gifts come from the common, hard-working people.

Send all further contributions to the Domov Svatého Benedikta, 1818 South Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois. With a countryman's greeting to all generous benefactors!

Signed: Reverend František Boženek,  
corresponding secretary.

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NEWS FROM THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

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For the first time in 1922, we present to our public a report on some of our activities. It is understood, of course, that the main outlines of our activity are contained in the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors, but as it often happens, such minutes give only the essential features, clearly enough, but in the dry official way, omitting the hundreds of details connected with the matters reported.....These details, however, are not lacking in interest. Thus, for instance, a playroom was made for our children, but what joy that playroom brought them is mentioned nowhere.....Again, there is well organized instruction in music [in our institution]; there are four music instructors who come to us regularly and give lessons in different musical instruments. Such efforts are well rewarded by the children's diligent application to their studies.....The girls are also very active in learning how to crochet and embroidery, and some of them are also studying music. In accord with the wish of our president, Mr. A. Suchy, an early exhibit of the work of our children is to be arranged by us so that the Bohemian people may realize what profitable and

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The New Year started out very well, both morally and financially, for which fact we are indebted mainly to the Bohemian people and to our benefactors..... We deem it our duty to thank the Dobrovolne Pracovnice (The Voluntary Workers) of the Vlast Rebekah Lodge No. 165 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for their splendid gift of \$200. As chance would have it, this gift happened to be the first item for 1922.

On January 22, 1922, we arranged a moving-picture show for the children..... The films were furnished free of charge by Mr. Frank J. Petru, and the transportation of the projector was furnished by the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov (Bohemian National Cemetery). On January 29, we had out-of-town visitors. On this occasion, Mrs. Sykta presented a cake, for which twenty dollars was raised. Mrs. Bezvoda added five dollars to this amount, and the cake was then given to the children.

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FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

At a surprise party arranged in honor of Mrs. Randek, Mesdames Poláček and Cvrček collected \$6.25 for the benefit of the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). This money was deposited with us, to be transmitted to this important charitable institution.

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FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S  
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On January 22, the friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Emma Vocetka and Mr. Vocetka gave a surprise party, during which a collection for the benefit of the Česká Útulna A Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was taken. The proceeds of this collection were eight dollars, and this sum was deposited with us.....

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FOR OUR INSTITUTIONS

The Bohemian coal from Garden City Coal Company, located at 2013 South Morgan Street, sent us \$10 for the benefit of the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). The Sbor Spravedlnost Číslo 141 Jednota Českých Dam (Lodge No. 141 of the Bohemian Ladies Union) deposited the sum of two dollars with us for the benefit of the Útulna a Sirotčinec; and the Spolek Čáslavských Krajanů (Society of Countrymen of Čáslav) deposited \$2.50 with us for the benefit of the Útulna a Sirotčinec and \$2.50 for the Sirotčinec Svatého Josefa v Lisle, Illinois (St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois).

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At the meeting of the Board of Directors

The annual session of the delegates to the 11th Congress (National Old People's League and Organization) took place at eight o'clock last night in the hall of the "Sveto-Slovanské Podporující Spolky" (Czech-Slavonic Benevolent Societies), located at 18th and Day Streets. The meeting, which was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Vojtěch Duchá, was well attended by the delegates, who followed the course of the meeting in which a number of important questions came up for discussion with great interest.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read, and thereupon letters addressed to the Board of delegates were read. These letters, besides announcing the various New Year's Celebrations, contained the names of duly accredited delegates from the various societies and organizations, the representatives of which are members of the Board of delegates to the 11th Congress. These representatives are as follows: For the Board of Directors of the

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Jednota Česko-amerických žen (Bohemian-American Ladies' Union), Mrs. Anna Hroc; for the lodge No. 119 of the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Ladies' Union), Mrs. Marie Stárek; Česko-Slovanská Bratrská Lodporující Jednota, Číslo 35 Řád Kardaš (Lodge No. 35 of the Czecho-Slavonic Fraternal and Benevolent Association), Mr. Josef R. Fencel; Lože Číslo 1 Jednoty Táborigu (Lodge No. 1 of the Taborites), Mr. Jan Červenka; Sbor Berta Zásmucká Číslo 40 Jednoty Českých Dam (Lodge No. 40 Berta Zásmucká of the Bohemian Ladies' Union), Mrs. Marie Vyhnanek; Velko Výbor Sesterské Podpurné Jednoty (Grand Lodge of the Benevolent Sisterhood), Mrs. Františka Žahour; Sbor Jaroslava, Číslo 8 Jednoty Českých Dam (Jaroslava Lodge No. 8 of the Bohemian Ladies' Union), Mrs. Marie Křišťan; Číslo 129 Jednoty Českých Dam (Lodge No. 129), Mrs. Božena Štefek; Sbor Stilada Číslo 13 Sesterské Podpurné Jednoty (Lodge No. 13), Mrs. Anna Kosander; Dvůr Český Lev Číslo 1 Česko-amerických Lesníků (Court of the Bohemian Lion No. 1 of the Bohemian-American Foresters), Mr. John V. Budilovský; Dvůr Šumava Číslo 9 Česko-amerických Lesníků (Court of Šumava No. 9), Mr. Frank Frish; Řád Darwin Číslo 61 (Order of Darwin No. 61), Mr. Kazimír Ježek; Velkodvůr Česko-amerických Lesníků (Grand Lodge of Bohemian-

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American Foresters), Mr. Jakub Bařka; Velkořád Česko-Americké Jednoty (Grand Order of the Bohemian-American Union), Mrs. E. L. Hříšný; Sbor Šárka Číslo 32 Sesterské Podpurné Jednoty (Lodge No. 32), Mrs. Karolina Souhrada; Řád Karel Havlíček Číslo 87 Českoslovanské Podporující Spolky (Order Karel Havlíček No. 87 of the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Association), Mr. Josef Haller; Hlavní Lože Česko-Slovanské Jednoty (Grand Lodge of the Czecho-Slavonic Union), Mrs. Ružena Fívka and Mrs. Anna Šýkora; Řád Říp Číslo 41 Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Order of Říp No. 41), Mr. Václav Illich; Lože Tokrok Chicaga Číslo 34 České Sesterské Jednoty (Lodge Progress of Chicago No. 34), Mr. Josef Rolenc; Dvůr Trocnov Číslo 15 Česko-Amerických Lesníků (Court Trocnov No. 15), Mr. Oldřich Kozák; Dvůr Klácel Číslo 3 Česko-Amerických Lesníků (Court Klácel No. 3), Mr. Josef Kodl; Dvůr Bílá Hora Číslo 7 (Court of the White Mountain No. 7), Mr. Frank J. Petru; Řád Jiří Washington Číslo 36 Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Order George Washington No. 36), Mrs. Marie Kodolín; Řád Česko Dělnický Číslo 73 Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Order of Czech Workmen No. 73), Mrs. Josefa Chott; for the Řád Křiřtof Columbus Číslo 193 Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Order of Christopher Columbus No. 193), Mr. Josef Špinár;

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Lože Volnost Číslo 33 Česko-Slovanské Jednoty (Lodge Freedom No. 33), Mr. Josef Vejvoda; Tělocvičná Jednota Sokol Tábor (Sokol Gymnastic Union Tabor), Mr. Jan Lehman; Sbor Bojyně Svobody Číslo 74 Jednota Českých Dam (Lodge of the Goddess of Freedom No. 74), Mrs. Rosie Tejček; Klub České Vlast (Club Bohemian Homeland), Mr. Jan Hanzl; Sbor Božena Němcová Číslo 13 Sesterské Podporující Jednoty (Lodge Božena Němcová No. 13), Mrs. Marie Štěpánek; Sokol Chicago, Mr. Frank Štěpánek; Řád Čáslav Číslo 205 Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Order of Čáslav No. 205), Mr. Frank Štěpánek; Dámský Odbor Plzeňského Sokola (Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sokol Pilsen), Mrs. Barbora Scheffel and Mrs. Emilie Hříšný; Sbor Svornost Číslo 33 Sesterské Podporující Jednoty (Order of Concord No. 33), Mrs. Josefa Sedláček; Sbor Columbia Číslo 79 Jednota Českých Dam (Lodge Columbia No. 79), Mrs. Karolina Smolař; Sbor Zdenka Havlíčková Číslo 20 Jednota Českých Dam (Lodge Zdenka Havlíčková No. 20), Mrs. Anna Brouček; Sbor Přemyslovna Číslo 5 Jednota Českých Dam (Lodge Přemyslovna No. 5), Mrs. Marie Hell; Lože Křištof Kolumbus Číslo 9 Česko-Slovanské Jednoty (Lodge Christopher Columbus No. 9), Mr. Anton Zrust; Řád Turnov Číslo 151 Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Order of Turnov No. 151), Mr. Josef Baloun; Řád Pravda Číslo

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37 Česko-Slovanských Podporujících Spolku (Order Truth No. 37), Mrs. Františka Bauman; Rad Praha Číslo 13 Česko-Slovanské Podporující Jednoty (Order of Prague No. 13), Mrs. Karolina Vodák; Řád Jiří Poděbradský Číslo 24 Česko-Slovanských Podporujících Spolku (Order of George of Podiebrady No. 24), Mr. Václav Budilovský; Sbor Česko-Slovanských Vysloužilců (Order of the Czecho-Slavonic Veterans), Mr. Tomáš Hejna; Svobodná Obec (Free Thought community), Mrs. Antonie Jiříček; Spolek Plzeňských Řezníků (Pilsen Butchers' Association), Mr. Jan Srcha and Mr. František Mathauser; Rad Věrnost Číslo 8 Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Order of Loyalty No. 8), Mrs. Anna Bulovec; Velkořád Státu Illinois (Grand Order of the State of Illinois), Mr. Václav Machalický; Sbor Palma Vlasti Číslo 56 Jednota Českých Dam (Lodge Palm of the Homeland No. 56), Mrs. Antonie Grasl; Řád Vyšehrad Číslo 48 Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Order of Vyšehrad No. 48), Mr. Ludvík Pinc; Sbor Ratolestí Míru Číslo 76 Jednota Českých Dam (Lodge of the Branch of Peace No. 76), Mrs. Josefa Šídlo; Řád Chicago Číslo 130 Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Order Chicago No. 130), Mrs. Johanna Kára; Sbor Ulastimila Ružíčková Číslo 93 Jednota Českých Dam (Lodge Ulastimila Ružíčková No. 93), Mrs. Františka Kolář; Lože Radbuza Číslo

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11 Česko-Slovanská Jednota (Lodge Radbuzo No. 11), Mrs. Terezie Vrchotek; lože Karel Havlíček Číslo 13 (Lodge Karel Havlíček No. 13), Mrs. Ružena Doktor; lože Hvězda Severní (Lodge Star of the North), Mrs. Anna Čadil; Sbor České Vlastenky Číslo 70 Jednota Českých Dam (Lodge Bohemian Patriotic Women, No. 70), Mrs. Lizzie Šrámek; Velikobád Česko-Slovanských Dobročinných Spolků Státu Illinois (Grand Order of the Czechoslovak Benevolent Association of the State of Illinois), Mr. Jakub Janda and Mr. Josef Fencel; Sbor Svatoopluk Čech Číslo 30 Česko-Amerických Lesníků (Society of Svatoopluk Čech No. 30), Mr. Frank Troc; Sbor Vlast Číslo 19 Jednota Českých Dam (Lodge Vlast No. 19), Mrs. Josefina Koula.

The chairman, in his opening address, greeted the newly elected delegates and impressed them with the importance of their duties to the institution. Our institutions require good leadership, and it is the hope of the chairman that with the installation of the new delegates, a great deal of new talent has been acquired. The chairman's speech was followed by the reading of the report of the investigation committee. Mrs. Františka Šrámek, the former president,



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was recommended and accepted as an institution. Mr. Frank J. Petru reported that the New Year's contributions for our two institutions brought over \$8,200. This report was enthusiastically received by the delegates. Mr. Petru further reported that Mr. Lawrence Klein, who is the executor of the estate of the recently deceased Mr. Paul Klein, whose wholesale store is located on Halsted Street and Campbell Avenue, informed him that the deceased left the sum of thirty thousand dollars for various charitable causes. Of this money there now remains only five thousand dollars, and of this latter sum the majority will go to our institutions.....

Mr. Petru further reported that a cent in the sum of \$115,000.00, which the street contributed to our institutions. The latter also advised that this gift is not without interest. It is a gift from a man who, on August 17, 1919, Mr. Murray needed a transfusion of the blood of another man. This was sacrificed by our countryman, Mr. Protišek Pavlik, and thanks to him, the life of Mr. Murray was saved. To commemorate this event in his life, Mr. Murray decided to contribute the sum of twenty-five dollars annually. Mr. Petru further reported

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that.... corner of the property belonging to the Sirověnce was sold at 1 st. It was purchased by Mr. Ferdinand Šedivý, a stone mason whose workshop is situated on the ground belonging to the institution. The purchase price was 15,500, and the purchase itself was transacted by Mr. Petr.....

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the board of directors followed. The minutes revealed the following facts: Mrs. Anna Šedivá made a proposal in the name of the Sirověnce (ladies' auxiliary of the Bohemian Orphanage) to the effect that the said auxiliary, with the permission of the board of directors of the Sirověnce, would furnish necessary clothing to the orphans for an annual small fee of three dollars per child, the sum to be collected from the relatives of every child. If it can be proved that the relatives of the orphan are unable to pay that small fee, the members of the auxiliary will furnish the clothing at their own expense. This much-appreciated aid proposed by the Sirověnce was accepted, and the chairman, Mr. Vojtěch Suchý, took the opportunity to thank this ladies' auxiliary for the aid which they have already given. The administrator

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of our institution was requested to inform the relatives of orphans about this new provision and to make all the arrangements necessary for its effectiveness.....

The Kroužek Dam České Kalifornie (Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bohemian California District) arranged an annual gift distribution among the inmates of our institutions. The gifts were distributed on Thursday, December 28, and were especially generous. Therefore, not only the inmates, but also the administration are very grateful to the ladies' auxiliary.

It was further reported that the society Tábor has donated a carpet valued at \$698 for the playroom of the institution. The purchase price of the carpet also included forty chairs and tables, all this having been obtained at a much lower cost than what was asked by some firms, and the bargain is entirely satisfactory.

It was decided to insure our offices against theft to the amount of \$2,000,

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and the policy is to be issued by the Western State Bank.....

Mr. Suchý reported that a certain Edward Straka wishes to adopt an orphan whose name is Dorothy Suchý. The chairman refused this request and the board of directors agreed with him, since the girl in question was committed to our care by the Juvenile Court. The case will be handled by that court on January 20, the girl's relatives will be duly informed, and no action will be taken until after the decision of the court is handed down.

The next case reported was that of an inmate, Mrs. Krbec, who desires to become a secretary of the society Palma Vlasti Číslo I Jednota Českých Dam (Palm of the Homeland No. 1 Bohemian Ladies' Union). The society also wrote to the board to issue papers authorizing Mrs. Krbec to assume the position she desires. It was decided to answer that letter as follows: The board of directors has no objections whatever to Mrs. Krbec's occasional visits to the meetings of the said society, but she may not accept any office or other function. This is a ruling made for all other inmates of the Útulna and no exceptions can be made.

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Jan Kolník, who has four of his children in the Orphanage, is ill, and, according to a letter from his physician, is unable to work, and therefore also unable at present to pay for the children. He asks for leniency. It was moved by Mr. Janda to grant Jan Kolník's request and to recommend this case for support to the Juvenile Court.

The committee on industrial schools reported that at the present time children are being taught sewing, embroidery, music, and various other domestic arts; preparations are being made to enlarge the curriculum.

The contributions made by various organizations and individuals were gratefully acknowledged. Among these, the following deserve mention: Twenty dollars were contributed by the Sbor Větev České Vlasti Číslo 5 Ústřední Jednota Česko-Amerických Žen (Lodge No. 5 of the Central Union of Bohemian-American women). This amount was to be used for the purchase and decoration of a Christmas tree. Mrs. Marie Liška collected \$20 among the members of the Jednota Českých Dam. This sum, too, was devoted to the same purpose, so that

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the children had a really fine Christmas tree. The lodge Slaven No. 272 of the Odd Fellows and the lodge Bohemia Rebekah of the Independent Order Of Odd Fellows contributed Christmas baskets. Mr. Dušek of 2152 West 51st Street donated candies; Mr. Dobiáš, a baker, donated baked goods. The lodge Josef Havlíček of the Jednota Českých Dm No. 122 contributed some Christmas gifts. The ladies of the Klub České Besedy (Bohemian Get-Together Club) contributed toys worth \$25 for the game room. The lodge Praha No. 251, Independent Order Of Odd Fellows, contributed a variety of gifts. The Dobročinná Společnost (Charitable Association), through Mr. Stanislaus Louha, a plumber, contributed 54 head of poultry, 12 loaves of bread, and boxes of Cracker Jack. The pupils of the McCormick School gave various toys. The lodge Rebekah No. 105 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows contributed \$200 to the music fund. Mrs. Milile Tetřev gave \$100 for the game room. The Chicago Charitable Corporation, 3355 Lincoln Avenue, gave \$300.

All of these gifts, each accompanied by a brief receipt by the chairman, were duly noted and accepted.

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The next item on the program of the meeting was a discussion concerning the reserve fund of our institutions. This fund was used during the building of our Sirotčinec. After a lengthy debate in which the chairman, Mr. Janda, and Mr. Novák participated, it was decided that this fund should not be less than twenty thousand dollars, and that all subsequent bequests should be added to it. The current bills of the past month were presented and approved. The gift of \$300 made by the Chicago Charitable Corporation through the kind intervention of Mr. E. F. Wieboldt, who is its secretary, was gratefully acknowledged.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. The results were as follows: Because of unquestionably valuable services rendered to our institutions, Mr. Vojtěch Suchý was re-elected to the chairmanship; Mrs. Gruenwald was made vice-chairman; Mrs. Božena Krabec, secretary; Mr. Frank J. Petru was re-elected treasurer. The following members were elected to the board of directors: Mmes. Lorenz, Hříšný, Sedláček, and Scheffl, and Messrs. Charvát, Janda, Trnka, and Hajsman. The following were elected to the auditing committee: Jan L. Novák, Marie Štěpánek, and Oldřich Kozák. The

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following make up the investigation committee: Mr. Šborný and Mr. Vilínek, and Mrs. Majner and Mrs. Špránek. The entertainment committee will be elected at the next meeting.

This memorable meeting adjourned after the reading of the report of expenses for the past month, which amounted to \$4,475.59; the receipts for the past month were \$4,848.57.

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Denní hlasatel, Jan. 1., 1936.

FOR THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

A collection for the benefit of the Ústřední ústředí (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was started on Christmas Eve among the guests at Mr. Jakub Liska's home on Lyndale Avenue and 26th Street. The sum total of this collection was three dollars, which was deposited with us.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mr. Jan Meloun, 4731 South Ada Street, has deposited with us /Denní Hlasatel/ the sum of ten dollars for the benefit of the Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage).

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A GENEROUS GIFT TO OUR INSTITUTIONS

- Respecting the wishes of the deceased Mrs. Anna Vrba that instead of floral offerings all the money be utilized for contributions to the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), and the Sirotčinec Svatého Josefa (St. Joseph's Orphanage) in Lisle, Illinois, her children and friends have acted accordingly.

Thus, the sum of \$186 was equally divided among the two above-named institutions.....

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THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

The following contributions and gifts were received in the office of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage of Chicago) during the month of July:

Mrs. Marie Kolar, \$5; Mr. J. Polak, \$5; Mr. F. Valenta, \$3; Mr. Vaclav Dalecky, \$40; Mrs. Emilie Hrisny, \$8; Mr. W. F. Kosobud, \$20; Mr. Frank Fruhauf, collection, \$15; Mr. August Geringer, \$76.80; the Cechie Court No. 20 of the Bohemian American Foresters, dues, \$7.50; the Bohemian National Cemetery Association, \$20; the Jan Amos Komensky Court No. 14 of the Bohemian American Foresters, quarterly dues, \$3.99; Mrs. Anna Fuchsa, \$10; Mrs. Frantiska Hesik, to honor the memory of her son Fr. Hesik, \$50; Mrs. Halberstat, \$1.50; the George Washington Lodge [Translator's note: The name of the organization is not given], quarterly dues, \$6.75; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hofreiter, \$5; Mrs. V. Krabec, to honor the memory of Hynek Plechaty, \$20; Mrs. M. Liska, \$10; the Kardas Lodge #35 of the Bohemian-Slavonic Ladies Benevolent Society, \$5.16.

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The following amounts were deposited on behalf of our institution in the office of Denni Hlasatel and were turned over to us: Mr. Synek's family, \$5; Mrs. A. Hruska, a collection undertaken at surprise party, \$5.75; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Linhart, a collection undertaken on the occasion of their silver wedding, \$5; Messrs. V. Vacek and J. Fofenka, a collection undertaken at a party given in honor of Mr. Jaroslav Cap, \$9.20; a collection undertaken at a farewell party given in honor of Messrs. Bezchleba, Markytan and Pomr, \$10.20; a collection undertaken on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Karel Snyder, \$13; Mrs. M. Selapa, a collection undertaken on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frantisek Jelinek, \$14; Mrs. Katerina Liska, a collection undertaken on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ruzena Vojacek with Mr. Jiri Prosek, \$14; Mrs. Anna Cerny, Mrs. Magdalena Kos and Mrs. R. Kozeluh, a collection undertaken at a surprise party, \$9; Mr. Frantisek Eisenhamer, a collection, \$2.30; Mrs. Ruzena Prochazka, a collection, \$2.50; Mrs. M. Novotny, a collection undertaken on the occasion of the wedding of Miss M. Zelibor with Mr. J. Barta, \$14.10.

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The following amounts were deposited in behalf of our institution at the office of the Svornost and were turned over to us: Mr. Tomas Vavra, a collection undertaken on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ludvik Suma, \$6.50; a collection undertaken on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Zofie Zach with Mr. T. Buzek, \$12; Mr. Vaclav Janda, a collection undertaken on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jindrich Faitl, \$20.

The following gifts were received: Mr. J. Polak and his wife donated a box of cookies; Mr. Picha donated ten boxes of chewing gum; Mr. Marie Kolar donated a large box of candies; the Briskyll Bakery sent a quantity of pastries and cookies, a gift of American ladies; Mr. Joseph Mikolas, chairman of the Federation of Bohemian Freethinkers of America, donated sixty boxes of crackerjack; the Ladies Auxilliary of Pilsen Brewery donated a quantity of tasty pastries and ham; Mr. V. Ubi tendered his tonsorial services free of charge, and there were plenty of customers. Mr. Krcma, the son of our aged inmate Mrs. Krcma, donated a quantity of nice fish. Mr. J. Fotter, a

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businessman from the Crawford district, donated ninety feet of new rope, which is going to be used for children's swings. Mr. Frank M. Dvorak donated a large quantity of pencils and paper pads. Mrs. Rose Kalebic donated chewing gum. Mrs. Matas donated twenty loaves of bread. Mr. V. Andel donated eight baseballs to our children to play with.

I hereby thank our people for their kindness and generosity and I beg that our institution be remembered by them at every opportunity.

Respectfully yours,  
J. Bukovsky, superintendent.

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THE UTULNA SVATEHO BENEDIKTA

A special meeting of the executive committee of the Utulna Svateho Benedikta (Saint Benedict's Home) was called by Reverend Innocent Kestl. The meeting was held on Monday, April 25, 1921, in the Saint Vitus School, Paulina and 18th Streets. The meeting was presided over by Reverend Prokop Neuzil in the presence of Reverends Innocent Kestl, Anastaz Rebec, O.S.B., Joseph Stedronsky, E. Sladek, O.S.B., Martin Krizka, and Frantisek Bozenek. The following were also present: Mesdames Frantiska Slama, Rosalie Nedved, Antonie Serpan, Messrs. Vaclav Radous, Antonin Hodous, and Vaclav Rezny, architect.

The order of the meeting called for the election of a new secretary, because the first secretary and Mrs. Paulina Janik, a member of the executive committee of the Utulna Svateho Benedikta, had resigned. Mrs. Janik's resignation was accepted and Mrs. Magdalena Filip was elected to take her place on the executive committee. Mr. Antonin Hynous of Cicero, Illinois, was unanimously elected as the new secretary. The order of the meeting also called for the selection of a



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name for the Utulna Svateho Benedikta. It was resolved that the institution should be known under the name of Domov Svateho Benedikta pro Starce a Stareny (Saint Benedict's Home for the Aged), and under this name our institution will be incorporated. In conclusion, the matter of remodeling the building was brought up. The building will be thoroughly remodeled at a considerable cost. To raise funds for this purpose, the Chicago district of the Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku v Americe (National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics of America) intends to arrange a great autumn festival in Ceska Kalifornie (Bohemian district in Chicago) for the benefit of the Domov Svateho Benedikta.

With pleasure we inform our people that many patrons have already been secured for our institution. Through the efforts of Reverend Prokop Neuzil, a bequest of \$1,000 was secured. The Damsky Pomocny Spolek (Ladies' Aid Society) contributed the sum of \$62.08. A bequest of the late Marie Vlcek amounted to \$300. Other contributions totaled \$53.05.

Further contributions may be sent directly to the superintendent of the Saint

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Benedict Home, Reverend Edward Sladek, 1818 South Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois.

May the Lord reward all the generous donors. With regards to all,

Reverend Frantisek Bozenek.

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THE MEETING OF THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME  
AND ORPHANAGE ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

In spite of rainy weather, many delegates to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage Association assembled yesterday evening to take part in the meeting called to order by Mr. Vojtech Suchy. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The secretary, Mrs. Bozena Krabec, then read a number of communications in which various organizations reported their contributions as follows:

The George Washington Lodge No. 22 of the Bohemian-Slavonic Fraternal Society is willing to pay a one-cent head tax for each of its members. The Naceradec and Vicinity Club sends the sum of \$10 as a part of the proceeds of a theatrical performance, arranged in Sokol Jonas Hall, April 10, 1921. The Trocnov Court No. 15 of the Bohemian-American Foresters donates the sum

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of \$2 for the purpose of buying musical instruments for the inmates. Mr. J. M. Kralovec sends the sum of \$40.22 as the proceeds of a ball arranged by the Dobrovsky Club. The Dobroslava Lodge No. 7 of the Bohemian Ladies' Unity sends the sum of \$5.20 as the proceeds of a cake raffle. The Circle of Enthusiasts sends the sum of \$6 as the proceeds of a collection undertaken at Mr. Henderreich's place. Mrs. Barbora Zeman sends the sum of \$1 for the purpose of buying musical instruments. Mr. Frank Petru sends the sum of \$40 as the proceeds of a collection undertaken to honor the memory of his grandfather, to which the following contributed: Mr. Frank Vyhnalek, \$6; Mr. Anton Vyhnalek, \$6; Mr. Joseph Vyhnalek, \$6; Mr. Jacob Vyhnalek, \$17; Mr. Frank Petru, \$5. The Karolina Svetla Lodge No. 17 of the Bohemian Ladies' Unity sends the sum of \$10 to honor the memory of Sister Otilie Kolar. The Svatopluk Cech Court No. 30 of the Bohemian-American Foresters sends the sum of \$5 as its annual contribution. The Czecho-Slavonic Relief Committee donates the sum of \$215 for the purpose of buying musical

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instruments for the institution's proposed orchestra.....

The secretary of the board of directors, Mr. Joseph Trnka, then read the minutes of the board of director's meetings held March 24, April 1, and April 12, 1921, as follows:

The meeting of the board of directors of the Sbor Ceske Utulny a Sirotcince was held in the Husuv Jubilejni Dum (John Huss Memorial Building), March 24, at 8 P. M. /Names of directors who attended the meeting are omitted in translation./ The meeting was called for the purpose of holding a conference in regard to securing a new matron and other help for the institution. The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Charvat; Mr. J. Trnka was the secretary.

The chairman, Mr. Antonin Charvat, presented for consideration the matter

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concerning the existing conditions in the Orphanage, facts that are well known to all members of the board of directors. For instance, because of the incapable personnel, especially the matron, discipline and obedience among the children of the Orphanage slackened to such an extent that in some cases physical punishment had to be inflicted. Inasmuch as such punishment is not expected to restore discipline, the whole matter was placed before the board of directors for consideration. In order to secure a qualified matron and other necessary personnel for the Orphanage, advertisements were placed in our daily newspapers. Answers were received, but none of the applicants met the requirements of the office of matron. A matron should be a woman who can devote all of her time to the institution. All the applications so far received came from women who have their own families to care for. Various propositions of how to secure a qualified person for this office were presented. Finally, through the efforts of Mrs. Urbanek, Mrs. Bozena Krabec agreed to accept the office and will try to restore order and discipline in the Orphanage. It was further proposed and unanimously

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approved that those inmates who seem to be incorrigible and who would only hinder the restoration of discipline, should be picked out and sent back to their parents or relatives.

It was also announced that a janitor is needed for the Orphanage. Messrs. Charvat and Trnka were authorized to hire a man for this work.....Mrs. Urbanek and members of the so-called house committee were authorized to provide and purchase anything that they think is needed in the Orphanage. Because of the late hour, the chairman adjourned the meeting and further proceedings were deferred to the next meeting.

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Sbor Ceske Utulny a Sirotcince was held in the office of the institution on Friday evening, April 1, and was attended by all of the directors. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Charvat; Mr. Trnka was the secretary. The minutes of the

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previous meeting were approved as read. Bills amounting to \$2,128.57 were recommended to the board of delegates for approval.

It was resolved to pay out the sum of \$246.84 to the Grand Lodge of the Bohemian-Slavonic Union for Marie David, an inmate of the institution, and to continue paying assessments on her one-thousand-dollar life insurance.

A communication received from the Department of Buildings of the City of Chicago, and in which the erection of a stairway and a certain exit in the hospital building is ordered, was referred to the building committee. A communication received from the Chicago Board of Health, with reference to new toilet rooms, was deferred.....

Mrs. Brychta announced that the Ladies' Society of Bohemian California [a Bohemian district of Chicago] bought a quantity of utensils for the institution. Through the efforts of Mrs. Hrisny, the Shedd Park Club arranged a minstrel

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show in the Orphanage on March 13. It was also brought to the attention of the directors that Mrs. Bozena Krabec cannot, for personal reasons, accept the office of matron.....

The chairman of the Sbor Ceske Utulny a Sirotcince, Mr. Vojtech Suchy, presented a letter sent to him by the chief inspector of orphan asylums in the state of Illinois, Mr. Charles Virden. This gentleman had been invited to inspect our Orphanage, and according to his letter, he was not fully satisfied with the administration of the same. In his letter, he gives several suggestions leading to the improvement of conditions and management of the institution. The contents of the letter were taken into consideration and after a brief debate, it was resolved to follow his suggestions.

The manager of the institution, Mr. V. K. Soukup, then presented his written

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resignation, saying that his health and personal business do not permit him to hold this important office any longer. The resignation of Mr. V. K. Soukup was accepted with the understanding that he will hold this office until a new manager is appointed. It was decided to advertise in our daily newspapers for a new manager, and Messrs. Charvat and Suchy were authorized to interview all the applicants and, if necessary, give them more detailed information. The meeting then was adjourned.

The meeting of the board of directors of the Sbor Ceske Utulny a Sirotcince was held Tuesday evening, April 12, 1921, at the Husuv Jubilejni Dum. [Names of directors who attended the meeting are omitted in translation.] The purpose of this meeting, as was previously agreed, was to read the applications received for the office of manager of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec, and to decide whether or not any of the applications should be accepted. The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Charvat. He read the many individual applications. Each was taken into consideration and thoroughly discussed. The directors were

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fully aware of the importance of their task. A decision was finally reached, and Mr. A. Charvat and Mrs. Marie Urbanek were authorized to give a personal interview to one of the applicants, Mr. Jaroslav Bukovsky, who at present time is a reporter for the Denni Hlasatel. If the said applicant meets the requirements of the office of manager of our institutions, he should be appointed as soon as possible. The meeting then adjourned.

To comply with a written request of the board of directors of the Bohemian National Cemetery Association, it was decided to permit all the children of the Orphanage to appear in the Memorial Day program. Several of the women delegates protested against the appointment of Mr. Jaroslav Bukovsky as manager. The chairman promised to investigate the objections. The secretary, Mrs. Bozena Krabec, then announced that this year's tag day for the benefit of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec will fall on Monday, May 23, and that those ladies who will volunteer their services on that day will hold a meeting and be given tags on May 21, in the Pilsen Sokol Hall.

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According to the report of a public accountant, receipts of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec during the past year amounted to \$41,534.01; disbursements, \$32,980.52. Receipts for the month of March totaled \$1,903.42; disbursements, \$2,338.21. Following several proposals for the benefit of the Association, the meeting adjourned.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 31, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Rudolf Suva, who presided at the meeting of friends of soccer football held at Novak's Hall, West 25th Street and Homan Avenue, deposited in our office the sum of \$4.60, the amount collected at the meeting for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage.

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THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DELEGATES TO THE  
BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The regular meeting of the board of delegates to the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec was held yesterday evening in the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies' hall, 18th and May Streets. The meeting was well attended. Mr. Vojtěch Suchý, chairman, called the meeting to order at 8 P. M. sharp, and Mrs. Božena Krabec, secretary, then read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read. Then followed the reading of communications received from various societies which reported their annual contributions. Worthy of mention is the communication from the Illinois grand lodge of the Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky v Americe (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies of America), in which the grand lodge is informing the institution that they appropriated the sum of four hundred dollars for the benefit of the Sirotčinec. This sum will be used to purchase equipment for one room of the Sirotčinec.....

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At the present time, there are 152 inmates in both institutions.....

Receipts during month of January were \$7,009.75; expenditures, \$4,228.62.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The many friends of our countryman, Mr. Joseph Kovář, president of the Grand Furniture Company, and his wife, arranged a surprise party at his home, 2101 South 63rd [sic] Court, Cicero, Illinois. On this occasion a collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage was undertaken. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$16.60, were deposited in our office.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOHEMIAN OLD  
PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The annual meeting of the board of delegates to the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was held last Friday at the Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies' hall, 18th and May Streets. The meeting was unusually well attended by the delegates, and the harmonious proceedings of the meeting gave proof of an unusual interest by all the delegates in the welfare of both of these institutions. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vojtěch Suchý, the president, and when it became known that the secretary was not able to attend this meeting because of illness, Mrs. Josephine Vodák was appointed to take her place. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as read. The names of individual delegates were then read. [There follows the list of delegates of various organizations which are represented in this body.]

Mr. Joseph Trnka, secretary of the board of directors, then read the minutes

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Figure 1. Schematic representation of the experimental design. The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group and the experimental group. The control group was divided into two subgroups: the control group and the control group. The experimental group was divided into two subgroups: the experimental group and the experimental group.

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of the previous meeting of the Board. The minutes of this meeting will be published in the Penné Hills tel tomorrow.

Mr. Vojtěch Šuchý introduced a new delegate, Mr. Jaroslav Hříbal, a former inmate of the Siročínec who now occupies a post as an other delegate and as a representative of the "Právní ústředí" (Legal Office) of the Czech-Slovak Remigration Societies. Mr. Hříbal, from now on, will continue the institution of which he was an inmate and to which he is obliged for his education. The "Právní ústředí" is a legal office, which is a part of the "Právní ústředí" sent among the other delegates.....

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Donnell Hotel, Jan. 11, 1911.

for another year. The election of a secretary was postponed until the next meeting.....

Following the reading of the minutes for the month of December, the meeting was adjourned. Received \$4.17.00; in cash, \$1.00.00.

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 31, 1920.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE BOHEMIAN  
OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

That the Chicago Butchers' Packing Company, a well-known Bohemian enterprise, never forgets our charitable institutions has been proved on various occasions. Last Tuesday it was again demonstrated by a generous Christmas gift to the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) and to the Sirotčinec Svatého Josefa (St. Joseph's Orphanage) in Lisle, Illinois. At the directors' meeting of this prosperous enterprise, the sum of fifty dollars was appropriated to the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec, and an equal sum to the Sirotčinec Svatého Josefa.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 19, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, the following contributions have been deposited in our office: The names and amounts follow. Total, \$44.

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions have been deposited in our office: The names and amounts follow. Total, \$6.75.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 15, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Dr. H. Tetrev has deposited in our office the sum of \$10.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mr. J.J. Fink, treasurer of the Drevak (Wooden Shoe) Pleasure and Educational Association, has deposited in our office the sum of \$5.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 7, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

On the occasion of the fifty-fourth birthday celebration of Mrs. Barbora Perina, 1819 South Ashland Avenue, the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage was remembered by those who attended, and a collection was taken for the benefit of this Institution. The proceeds of this collection, amounting to ten dollars were deposited in our office.

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BOHEMIAN

Denní Hlasatel, Nov. 25, 1920.

BENEFIT CONCERT

We hereby present a financial report of the concert which was arranged for the benefit of the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) on Wednesday, September 29, 1920, in the Pilsen Park pavilion.

Receipts:

For advance sale of tickets	\$1,680.95
For tickets sold at the door	48.50
For advertisements	677.50
For flowers	63.35
For coffee, cakes, etc.	34.75
For chips sold in the park	127.19
Gift of the Pilsen Brewing Company	50.00
Gift of the <u>Svornost</u>	6.00

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Gift of Mr. Kotrba	\$ 5.00
Gift of Mr. J. F. Čihák	3.00
Gift of Mr. Ehrenberger	1.00
Total receipts	<u>\$2,697.24</u>

Expenses:

Bohemian National Printing Company, for printing	\$ 249.05
Kušta and Mejdrich, for printing	48.00
Pilsen Brewing Company, for goods and rental	115.80
Mr. J. Rada, for help	3.00
Postage	62.00
Miscellaneous	1.00
<u>Svornost</u>	6.00
<u>Spravedlnost</u>	6.00
Mrs. Marie Neboska, for the writing of addresses and the distribution of tickets	15.00

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Shortage in park receipts	\$ .69
Kaspar State Bank for cashing checks	.45
Total expenses	\$ 506.99
Total receipts	\$2,697.24
Total expenses	506.99
Net proceeds	\$2,190.25

The Denní Hlasatel advertised this project free of charge.

We hereby take the liberty to extend our gratitude to all those who helped in any way to make this concert a success.

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For the Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec: Frank J. Petru, V. K Soukup, Antonín Charvát, Jakub Janda, Václav Janda, Mrs. Anna Velík, and Mrs. Amalie Fantl, the arrangement committee.

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Denní Hlasatel, Nov. 11, 1920.

FOR THE MOD CLAUSE

At the surprise party arranged in honor of Mrs. Josephine Glajský, 2648 West 21st Street, by her friends and neighbors, our important humanitarian institution, the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, was remembered by a collection undertaken among the guests. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$4.75, were deposited in our office by Mrs. Antonie Štěrba of 2652 West 21st Street.

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 21, 1920.

BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND  
ORPHAN ASYLUM

Yesterday's well-attended meeting of the delegates of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was called to order by the president, Mr. Vojtech Suchy, at the usual hour, and the secretary, Mr. V. K. Soukup, immediately began to read the minutes of the past meeting. These were approved as read. The secretary then read a communication from the Illinois grand committee of the Sesterska Podporujici Jednota (Bohemian Benevolent Sisterhood) announcing that the Sesterska Podporujici Jednota had accepted as an obligation the duty of urging each member to make a voluntary contribution to the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec of ten cents a year. The Sesterska Podporujici Jednota sent a check for \$709.10 as head tax from 7,091 members. This announcement pleased the attending delegates immensely, and the president remarked how beautiful it would be if all the other Bohemian societies and organizations followed the noble example of the Sesterska Podporujici Jednota. Then, he said, the Ceska

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Utulna a Sirotcinec, two of our foremost and most needed institutions, which can never be renounced by anybody, would not have to beg for support and eke out a bare existence on alms. But at the same time he expressed a firm hope that all the other Bohemian societies will follow this example and then conditions may become altogether different.....

Mr. V. K. Soukup, temporary warden, reported that at the present time there are seventy-three boys and forty-five girls, altogether one hundred and eighteen inmates, in the Orphan Asylum. In the Old People's Home there are twelve men and sixteen women. Thus there are, in all, 146 inmates in both of these institutions.....

Mr. Soukup presented a list of debtors, that is, a list of persons who obligated themselves to pay the expenses of certain inmates and who now, depending upon the leniency of the board of directors, are becoming tardy. A resolution was passed to the effect that all the debtors shall be reminded of their obligations and court action be started against those who remain delinquent.....

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Mr. Suchy voiced the opinion that a regular warden should be appointed to fill the office temporarily held by Mr. Soukup. After a brief discussion, the position was offered to Mr. Soukup, who later was appointed as the regular warden of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec. The committee in charge of running the farm reported the following yield: One thousand nine hundred and ten quarts of milk, which amounts to \$286.50; seventy dozen eggs, \$35.27; eleven spring chickens sold for \$11. Total income from the farm in the past month was \$333.77. The live stock consists of six milking cows, two heifers, and one calf. There are eighty-five chickens plus a number of spring chickens.....

Total receipts of the past month amounted to \$5,485.79. Total disbursements amounted to \$3,592.70. The total receipts of the tag day held on October 18 were \$1,536.42; total disbursements, \$79.01; net proceeds, \$1,457.41.

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BOHEMIAN

Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 16, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mrs. Marie Barta, president of the Bohemian Ladies Crochet Circle, deposited the sum of \$6.60 in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 17, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mr. Joseph Motycka deposited the sum of three dollars in our office.

For the benefit of the St. Joseph Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois, Mr. Joseph Motycka deposited the sum of three dollars in our office.

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BOHEMIAN

Denní Hlasatel, Sept. 5, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amount of contributions.] Total, \$28.45.

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Denni Blasatel, Aug. 29, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mr. Frank Sladek deposited the sum of one dollar in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 14, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mr. Anton Janecka deposited the sum of 2.30 in our office.

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Denní Hlasatel, Aug. 12, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, a member of the Jolly Girls Pleasure Club deposited the sum of eighteen dollars in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 12, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, our subscriber, Mr. Jar. Salavec, deposited the sum of one dollar in our office.

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BOHEMIAN

Denni Hlasatel, July 24, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, the following contributions were deposited at the meeting of the board of directors of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage held July 21, 1920: Antonin Charvat, \$200; John Elbert, \$5; Mrs. A. Cadil, \$11.70; /There follow the names and amounts of other contributors./ Total, \$263.70.

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Denní Hlasatel, July 19, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mrs. Julia Jelínek deposited the sum of five dollars in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 10, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mrs. Marie Liska deposited the sum of seven dollars in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 17, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, the following contribution was deposited in our office: Mrs. Vana, three dollars.

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Denní Hlasatel, Feb. 22, 1920.

FOR THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

A surprise party was arranged in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Belšan and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Belšan of 1337 Clinton Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, by many of their friends, and was held on February 14. A collection was made among the guests for our Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. The collection brought in the sum of \$17, and was deposited in our office.



Denní Hlasatel, Feb. 21, 1913.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

(Summary)

Yesterday's meeting of the representatives of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage was opened by Mr. Suchý, the chairman.....

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The financial report for the second half of 1917 was submitted by Mr. Dušek, bookkeeper, and approved. At the beginning of that period the treasury contained \$2,389.01. Receipts during the six months increased this amount to \$15,456.87. Disbursements were \$11,212.82, so that \$4,244.05 remains in the treasury. The institute is valued at \$150,247.85; this includes lots, buildings, equipment, bills receivable, and cash. Liabilities amount to \$29,070, so that there remain \$121,177.85 in clear assets, as compared with \$116,016.52 for the previous half-year period.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 17, 1918.

BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The election of officers by the delegates of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage resulted in the re-election of most of the former leaders. Mr. Vojtech Suchy is again president; Mrs. Catherina Gruenwald, vice-president; Mr. Joseph Trnka, secretary; Mr. Frank J. Petru, treasurer.

There was an election of members for various committees, after which there was a roll call of the delegates of all the associations, clubs, etc., which belong to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage Association. Routine business closed the meeting.

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Denni Klasatel, Nov. 5, 1917.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The management of the Old People's Home and Orphanage, represented by Messrs. Frank J. Petru and Otto F. Dusek, secretary, are publishing a financial report on the concert given on September 12, 1917, in Pilsen Brewery Park for the benefit of the institutes.

Proceeds from sale of tickets . . . . .	\$1,200.60
Proceeds from advertisements (paid) . . . . .	126.00
Proceeds from advertisements (outstanding). . . . .	45.00
Proceeds from sale of flowers . . . . .	<u>55.64</u>
Total . . . . .	\$1,427.24
Proceeds from other sources . . . . .	<u>116.60</u>
Net proceeds. . . . .	\$1,543.84

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The total expenses, including \$73.50 for printing done by the Narodni Tiskarna (National Printing Company), amount to \$227.90. This leaves \$1,315.94 for charitable purposes.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 20, 1917.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

(Summary)

The regular meeting of the representatives of two of our foremost charitable institutions was held last night with Mr. V. Suchy presiding.....A communication from the Association for the Maintenance of Czech Free Thought (nonsectarian) Schools was read. It came from the sponsors of the F. Drubek School and contained the request that wards of the Orphanage be permitted to visit that Czech school daily. As a result of the ensuing debate on this issue, an explanatory answer was sent to the school refusing the request on the ground that the boys are occupied by light work and home study after school hours and are now pupils of the Chicago public schools. They will, however, be sent to Czech schools on Saturdays and Sundays as in the past.



Denni Hlasatel, May 1, 1917.

FOR THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

The association that maintains the Czech Old People's Home is a member of the Chicago Association of Aged and Adult Charities. The Tag Day on May 14, set aside for the benefit of the latter organization, will also benefit the former. Our Czech women are making extensive arrangements for intensive activities to do their bit for the charitable purpose.





Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 20, 1916.

THE YEARLY MEETING OF THE SBOR ZASTUPCU UTULNY A SIROCINCE

The yearly meeting, one of the best attended [so far], of the Sbor Zastupcu Utulny a Sirocince (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage Association) was held yesterday evening in the hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podrhorujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) on 18th Street.

The meeting was convened at the usual time by the chairman, Mr. V. Suchy, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. Trnka, and approved as read.

The correspondence was heavy and referred to the sending of membership dues and New Year's gifts to our institution.

The itemized list of donors and amounts sent will be tabulated by the manager, Mr. Dusek, who will then send the finished report to the newspaper offices, and

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the report will appear in print two or three days later.

Letters were read announcing the names of newly elected delegates or the re-election of those already functioning.

Among the many letters read was one from Mrs. Marie Beck asking that her four children be admitted to the institution because she is suffering with an incurable disease. The Association decided to take steps to have the juvenile court order such a course.

The receipts of this meeting amounted to \$1,072.14, and the expenditures of the institution were \$1,862.87. All bills payable were ordered paid.

.....The new delegates of the many societies were now greeted by the chairman. Upon the recommendation of Delegate Tichy the reading of the report of the directors was dispensed with because of the election of the officials of the Association.

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The chairman presented the next order of business, which was "for the good of the Association," and a member of the building committee, Mr. Novak, presented his report.

According to the report the carpenter work in the institution is going on slowly. The contract for the building of the laundry has been signed, and the equipment of the kitchen will soon be open for bids.

Mr. Novak now presented a complaint that certain rumors are being circulated that the building committee is accepting favors in the form of "commissions" from the firms receiving the contracts. He called attention to a saving of \$3,165.50 on work let out, and if that is considered "commission," then the building committee admits its guilt. Nevertheless, Mr. Novak presented a resolution at this open meeting, which the secretary read, complaining of these rumors and asking that they be investigated, and that the persons guilty of spreading said reports be called to account.

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After a lively debate concerning this resolution Mrs. Urbanek made a motion, which was carried, that Mr. Novak name the persons making the foregoing insinuations; and Mr. Novak named Mrs. Smolar, Mrs. Hrych, and Mrs. Liska.

On the proper way to settle this controversy opinions differed widely. Many motions were offered, and finally Mr. Svitak's was favorably voted on, namely, that a committee be chosen and a report be presented at the next meeting. The members chosen to form this committee are Mr. Basta, chairman, Mrs. Mazac, and Mrs. Souhrada.

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After the arrangement of this matter the election of officers was next in order, and when the bonds and the salaries of the officials had been fixed, the voting proceeded.

Mr. Suchy was elected chairman, Mrs. Katerina Greenwald vice-chairman, and Mr. Josef Trnka secretary; after long urging Mr. Antonin Zahrobsky was elected

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treasurer. Mr. Charvat, Mrs. Zarobsky, and Mrs. Mazac were elected unanimously to serve on the board of directors for three years. The chairman named the following ladies and gentlemen to serve on the investigation committee: Mr. Velik, chairman, Mrs. Hora, Mrs. Tejcek, Mr. Josef Oborny, and Karel Janda. The auditing committee is now composed of Mr. Freiler, Mr. Kusta, and Mrs. Fara. These ladies and gentlemen were selected to serve on the propagation committee: Mr. F. J. Petru, who will act again as chairman, Mrs. Zarobsky, Antonin Charvat, Otto F. Dusek, Ludvik Jaros, Vaclav Janda, Mrs. Lonek, and Mrs. Urbanek. To the Children's Benefit League the following representatives were elected: Mrs. Bican and Mrs. Vonasek.

Finally a motion was made and carried that the Sbor Zastupcu Utulny a Sirocince shall go on record as manifesting the fullest confidence in the integrity of the building committee.

After the announcement that the receipts of this meeting had amounted to \$3,022.59, and the expenditures to \$1,862.87, the meeting was adjourned.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 16, 1915.

THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

Yesterday's regular monthly meeting of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was exceptionally well attended. This was to be expected, since it was a meeting in which the newly elected officers were being inducted, and since it had been foreseen that the meeting would take up the discussion of a letter received from the Cesky Narodni Hrbítoř (Bohemian National Cemetery) in reply to the appeal for a donation sent to it by the Utulna a Sirotcinec. Most of those in attendance had heard that the condition upon which the Cesky Narodni Hrbítoř would insist before it appropriated any money for the Utulna a Sirotcinec, was the ouster of Mr. Charvat from the board of the Utulna.

These expectations were not disappointed. The letter was read in full. In it the board of the Cesky Narodni Hrbítoř referred to the request of the Utulna a Sirotcinec for the usual New Year's donation and gave assurance of its

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readiness to be of any possible help to worthy Bohemian institutions. Since, however, the request was signed by Mr. Ant. Charvat, who in his dealing with the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov has not acted as the board of the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov believed a good Bohemian should, the board of the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov demanded that Mr. Charvat resign his office as a member of the board of directors of the Utulna a Sirotcinec, and upon Mr. Charvat's resignation, the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov would consider with the usual generosity the Utulna's request.....

After the reading of the letter....Mr. Freiller moved a vote of confidence in Mr. Charvat, which motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Janda said he thought ....that the whole matter had been dealt with by the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov with undue haste and lack of forethought....The donations that the Utulna a Sirotcinec is receiving are not donations made to, or because of, individuals connected with the institution.....Anybody who works for the Utulna a Sirotcinec as well as Mr. Charvat does is appreciated, and Mr. Charvat's work is easily worth as much as the donation usually received at this time of year from the

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Cesky Narodni Hrbitov.....

The meeting instructed the secretary to explain by letter to the Cesky Narodni Hrbitov the point of view of the Utulna a Sirotcinec on this matter, and to repeat the request.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 21, 1915.

THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

A regular meeting of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old Peoples' Home and Orphanage) was held in the usual place yesterday.....

The minutes of the last meeting dealt with the distribution of functions among the officers on the occasion of the 26th Street Businessmen's Carnival, when a portion of the receipts of the wheels of fortune were to go to the Utulna a Sirotcinec.....

Mr. [John A.] Sokol reported that \$38.20 was collected for the institution at an entertainment given by the Klub Svobodnych Zednaru "Dobrovsky" (Dobrovsky Free Masons' Club). Similarly, Mr. Frank Petru reported a collection for the Utulna a Sirotcinec of \$21 at the convention of benevolent societies in Campaign, Illinois.....

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Among the reports of the officers was also that of Mr. Freiler, dealing with the

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IV and also accounts due of \$74.75, and \$45.50 receivable from individuals  
and organizations for chances.....

The financial report disclosed the fact that the share of the Utulna a Sirotcinec of the profit of the 26th Street Carnival amounted to \$62.43.....

More encouraging was the outcome of the tag day of the Children's Benefit League in which the Utulna a Sirotcinec participated. The report showed an income of \$719.98, to which \$2 collected by Miss Smolar must be added.....

Another gratifying report was that of Mr. Tichy, according to which the Tesarsko-Truhlarska Unie (Carpenters' and Cabinetmakers' Union) No. 54 donated \$500 and decided to donate the promised work, free of charge....Consequently the motion to make that union an honorary member of the Utulna a Sirotcinec was unanimously adopted.....

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Denní Hlasatel, Oct. 5, 1915.

TO BOHEMIAN LADIES FOR CONSIDERATION

The Česká Útulna a Sirotčinec, (Bohemian Old Peoples' Home and Orphanage), institutions recognized by our public as most useful and indispensable, are now under State supervision and are members of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce. More recently, they have also acquired membership in the Children's Benefit League. This membership gives them the privilege of participating in the "tagging" to which that league alone is now entitled.

The Children's Benefit League has a tag day, approved by Mayor Thompson, set for October 18. The Útulna a Sirotčinec, as a member of the League, is expected to send out one hundred and fifty ladies to help "tag" for our institution, and in that way enhance its means just at a time when, building a new home for its unfortunate orphans, it is in great need of additional support.

Our former appeals have been almost without result. Only a very small number of our ladies have notified us that they were willing to be active

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on the tag day. Other charitable institutions in the city, belonging to other than the Bohemian nation, have secured ample help by now. We, therefore, appeal again to all our ladies who are willing to donate a day's work for the Útulna a Sirotčinec to attend the meeting which will be held in the Pilsen Sokol building, 1812-1816 South Ashland Avenue, at eight o'clock tonight, October 5.

Frank Dušek, manager.

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THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

A regular meeting of the board of representatives of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was held--the streetcar strike being ended--in the usual place.....

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Mr. Velisek of the Pevecka Spolecnost Bedrich Smetana (Bedrich Smetana Singing Society) visited the meeting in order to present a report concerning the outcome of the concert in which the Oratorio "John Huss" was presented by his Spolecnost. His report was most gratifying as the concert brought to the Utulna a Sirotcinec the amount of \$340.30. The report shows that Orchestra Hell, in which the concert took place, has 2,334 seats, that passes worth \$44 were issued, that tickets worth \$648.75 remained unsold, that the sale of tickets brought \$1,641.25, the sale of programs, \$331.60, so that the total income amounted to

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\$1,972.85. The expenses were \$1,292.26. The net proceeds, \$680.59, was divided into two equal parts, and \$340.29 was kept by the Spolecnost and \$340.30 presented to the Utulna a Sirotcinec. The report was received with a great deal of satisfaction. The presiding officer expressed to Mr. Velisek the thanks of the board and, upon motion offered by the secretary and adopted by the meeting, the Pevecka Spolecnost Bedrich Smetana was elected a founder member of the Utulna a Sirotcinec. The Spolecnost will be issued a diploma and will be requested to delegate a representative to the board of the Utulna a Sirotcinec.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 21, 1915.

A REPORT OF THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

Recently a report has been received concerning the activities and progress of the Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). The report covers the year 1914 and is submitted to the Bohemian public by the institution's manager, Mr. Otto F. Dusek, whom we shall let speak for himself:

"....The institution's income is the best indication of its prosperity. This year our income was double that of the year preceding.....

"We have made many new friends who have been thinking of us right along and donating clothes and many other articles of value.....

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"The Board of Directors met, since it appeared necessary, as often as two or three times a month, and held, all together, thirty-two meetings.....

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"The propaganda committee did a splendid piece of work also. As one illustration, they gave a concert which brought in almost three times the amount earned by a similar undertaking the year before.....

"The discussions about the desirability of building a new orphanage, which began last year, resulted this year in the laying of the cornerstone of the building now in process of erection.....

"Our industrial schools for boys and girls have shown fine results. The exhibition of the children's work was held October 25 and received unusual attention from our public....The net receipts from sales of exhibited articles amounted to \$608.58. This has so much encouraged us that we shall begin preparations for an exhibit to be held in the latter part of 1915.....

"The Juvenile Court assigned eight children to our institution last year, and we should have received more had the capacity of our orphanage been greater. Judge Merritt W. Pinckney has expressed his pleasure regarding the good

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management of the institution in a letter in which he says that he is happy to see that a family spirit prevails there rather than the spirit of soldiers' barracks, which is frequently found in institutions of this kind. The County contributed \$1,698.82 for the support of the seventeen children whom it has assigned to the orphanage."

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan 21, 1915.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UTULNA A SIROTCINEC HOLD AN  
ANNUAL MEETING

Yesterday's meeting of the board of representatives of the Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec was an annual meeting in which the election of officers of the institution took place. In most cases, the election was unanimous, since all the nominees were persons of vast experience and prestige in the organization..... Mr. Vojta Suchy was elected president;....Mrs. Katerina Gruenwald, vice-president; ....Mr. Josef Trnka was re-elected secretary; and Mr. Ant. Zahrobsky, after some hesitation, again accepted the office of treasurer.

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Also elected were the members of the investigations committee,....the auditing committee,....and the nine members of the committee on propaganda, while the building committee, elected recently, will function with its present membership.....

[There follow two columns of names of donors and the amounts they have given.

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The list ends with: 7 Mr. Otto Horacek, jeweler, at 1834 Blue Island Avenue, ten dollars and an offer to donate the net profits of the performance by the Sokol Chicago of the drama, "Louis XI," on the condition that the ladies and gentlemen who are members of the committee on propaganda will agree to sell tickets for the performance. The offer was accepted.....

Finally, a letter from the judge of the Juvenile Court, N. W. Pinckney, was read. The judge sent his thanks for the donation of an attractive embroidery which had been reserved for him at the recent exhibition of handiwork at the Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec.....

All committees postponed the presentation of their reports until the next meeting because of the late hour.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 17, 1914.

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

Yesterday's meeting of the board of representatives of the Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old Peoples Home and Orphanage).....,after having disposed of the incoming correspondence,....received the report of the building committee to the effect that the contract for the foundation of the new building has been signed. The foundation will cost \$3,080, which is considerably smaller than the original estimate.....

The receipts reported at yesterday's meeting were \$2,430.68; expenses, \$552.58.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 26, 1914.

### INSPECTION OF THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

It has become customary for our public and charitable institutions to render an account of their activities once a year, and at this time the general public is given free access to all its parts. One of the most attractive of such inspections was held yesterday at the Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). In connection with the inspection, an exhibition of the handicraft of the inmates of the orphanage was arranged.

The inspection of the orphanage is always attended by a large number of visitors, and so was it yesterday.....

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The program of the afternoon started with an address of welcome delivered by President V. Suchy.....There were.....a number of musical selections.... which pleased the visitors.

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We saw many good ladies, particularly those who bear in mind their grown-up daughters' hope chests, purchasing an embroidery here, an ornamental pillow-case there, a lamp shade, etc.--all this the work of the tiny hands of the inmates of our first charitable institution.....

There was a room full of handwork made by the boys which, of course, was clumsier and more man-like, but many pieces showed promise....or practical sense.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 22, 1914.

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

A regular meeting of the board of representatives of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was held in the hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podpoujici Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) on 18th Street last night.....

As was reported, it was agreed at the last meeting by a vote of fifty-three to two to build a new building for the orphanage. The building committee has now received the approved plans and in the next meeting will have available a preliminary budget of expenses. The work will start immediately.....

Mrs. Rose Novak, the treasurer of the Ustredni Vybor Jednoty Ceskych Dam (Central Committee of the Bohemian Women's Unity), advised the board by letter that a check for \$200 for the Utulna a Sirotcinec was being mailed to the secretary. This sum was appropriated for this purpose at the recent convention of the Jednota Ceskych Dam held in St. Louis.....

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The chairman asked the assembled ladies whether they had obtained any poultry for the institution. The ladies presented him with a list of names of the prospective donors. These individuals will be called upon and the poultry receipted. Mr. Janda reported that the Chicago Butchers Association promised to supply any poultry that might be needed after the poultry already promised is delivered to the institution.....

The building committee will issue booklets for signatures of those who will donate building material and other equipment for the new building.....

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Denní Hlasatel, Oct. 1, 1914.

A CONCERT OF THE ČESKÁ ÚTULNA A SIROTČINEC

The third annual concert of the Česká Útulna A Sirotčinec, (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) held in the garden of the Pilsen Brewery, August 12, was a huge success as was shown by the unusually large attendance of the friends of that institution. The committee that arranged the concert considers it a most pleasant duty to thank all those who have in any way whatever contributed to the success of the affair. [Names of persons contributing omitted in translation.] We thank all those who gave their talents to make this venture possible.....

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The total income was \$2,371.52; expenditures \$662.65; net profit, \$1,708.87.

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Otto F. Dušek, Secretary.

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Denní Hlasatel, Sept. 17, 1914.

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE  
ČESKÁ ÚTULNA A SIROTČINEC

Yesterday's regular meeting of the board of representatives of the Česká Útulna A Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was held in the Česká Svobodomyslná Škola (Bohemian Free Thought School) on 18th Street..... A report was received from the entertainment committee on the results of the recently arranged concert. The report is not yet definite, but it shows receipts of \$2,371.52 and \$662.65 in expenditures, and the financial success of the event therefore appears assured.....

Mr. Záhrobský reported that the conventions of the Česko-Slovenské Podporující Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) and of the Jednota Taboritu (Taborites) voted \$100 and \$125 respectively for the Útulna A Sirotčinec.....

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Denni Hlasatel, May 21, 1914.

MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF BOHEMIAN  
OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

A regular meeting of the representatives of the Ceska Utulna a Sirocinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was held last evening in the hall of the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies). Many representatives of various fraternal societies were present, and Mr. V. Suchy was the presiding officer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without change, and all bills presented were ordered paid.

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The Cesko-Narodni Hribtov (Bohemian National Cemetery), in answer to the request for a special plot for the burial of the inmates of the Utulna a Sirocinec, said that the organization gives free burial space to all deceased

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members of the above-named organization and is opposed to a special plot reserved for members, because it might be construed by many to mean a sort of potter's field.

A lively debate followed the reading of this letter, and many contended that a special plot need not carry along with it any opprobrium because of the fact that the members of this institution received free burial.

On the contrary it was brought out that by having one large burial plot, such a place could be kept in beautiful condition more easily than if the graves were scattered over a large area. Many motions were made, and finally one, directing the secretary to inform the Cesko-Narodni Hrbitor of the many divergent wishes of the delegates present, was adopted.

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Illinois Grand Lodge of the Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) is making inquiries in reference to money deposited, and the chairman explained that first mortgage securities amounting to \$16,500 are deposited in the vault of Mr. Frank J. Petru, and if the grand lodge wishes more information, let it then select a committee to visit the vaults along with Mr. Charvat, who is the chairman of the managing committee, and **inspect** the said papers. To describe these papers publicly, it was noted, is not a good public policy, and a motion was made and passed conforming to the above reference.

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The chairman announced the death of Mrs. Marie Ledvinka, long-time vice-chairman of the representatives of the Utulna a Sirocinec. She merited the approval of all who knew her for her untiring efforts for the betterment of our institution.

The chairman called attention to one specific case of welfare in which Mrs. Ledvinka showed her mettle. The cook of the institution quit her job abruptly,

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and there was no one to cook the meals. At this time Mrs. Ledvinka showed what she could do in an emergency: She took up the duties of the cook and made meals for the whole company until another cook could be hired. The chairman stated that this is just one example of the good work performed by Mrs. Ledvinka; that all those who knew her feel her loss. The chairman ordered that the meeting show its last respects to the departed friend by rising and standing silently.

Mr. Charvat made a very encouraging report, saying that gas will soon be installed in the Home.

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A motion was made, seconded, and passed to the effect that the election of a vice-chairman who is to take the place of the deceased, Mrs. Marie Ledvinka, be postponed until the semiannual meeting next July.

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Upon a motion seconded and passed, Mrs. Denemark was assigned to the building committee in place of Mrs. Pech.

The receipts and expenditures of this meeting were ordered read, after which the meeting was adjourned. Total receipts, \$789.51; total expenditures, \$678.30.

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Denní Hlasatel, May 7, 1914.

A MEETING OF THE ČESKÁ ÚTULNA A SIROČINEC

(Summary)

At the meeting of the board of representatives of the Česká Útulna a Siročinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) held April 15, 1914, total receipts of 3877.08 and total expenditures of 4128.73 were reported.

Dr. Hubený of 1572 North Halsted Street, a dentist, offered to donate his services to the orphans one afternoon each week, and to furnish all needed material free of charge.

The management thanks all who gave to this worthy cause.

O. F. Dušek, manager.

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Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 16, 1914.

MEETING OF THE SBOR ZÁSTUPCU UTULNYA SIROTCÍNCE

The regular meeting of the Sbor Zástupcu Utulny A Siročince (Delegates to the Old People's Home and Orphanage Association) was held yesterday in the rooms of the Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Bohemian Slavonic Benevolent Societies) with most of the delegates present.

After the meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Václav Suchý, the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and accepted with one correction.

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The treasurer's report showed receipts as \$877.08; disbursements, \$1328.73. Disbursements included a note for \$500, a high plumber's bill, and a bill for other work finished some time ago.

After these procedures the meeting was adjourned.

Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 2, 1914.

A CONSIDERABLE SUM DONATED TO THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

The Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old Peoples Home and Orphanage) was made richer by a magnanimous donation of \$100. This most welcome instance of generosity was shown by our enlightened countrymen, Alois, Antonin, Jan, Ludvik and Frank Nepil, who had honored the memory of their departed parents, Joseph and Therezie Nepil by donating the above-named amount to the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec.

This meritorious act of the brothers Nepil will surely be appreciated and its value recognized by everyone who takes an interest in an institution that we greatly need, the home for our orphans and old people. To honor the memory of departed parents in this way is an act that deserves to have many imitators. Thanks are due the noble-minded donors not only from the old people and orphans at the institute, but from all its friends.

The donation was deposited in the office of this newspaper, and will be

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turned over to the representatives of the Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 1, 1914.

FOR THE ČESKÁ ÚTULNA A SIROTČINEC

Lodge Jiří Poděbradský Number 24 of the Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies) voted a contribution of \$10 for the benefit of the Česká Útulna A Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) at its December meeting. The amount was deposited in the office of this newspaper and its receipt was acknowledged in our issue of December 14, 1913. However, it was credited by mistake to Lodge Jungman instead of Lodge Jiří Poděbradský, although the right number of the Lodge was given.

The contribution was turned over to Mr. Dušek, financial secretary of the Lodge, together with the sum of \$112.60, which Mr. Dušek has shown in his report. But the mistake in the name has not been noticed until just now, and is hereby corrected.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 1, 1914.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DELEGATES OF THE CESKA  
UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

(Summary)

The receipts reported in the meeting of the board of delegates of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), held March 18, 1914, are listed, and the names of donors and the amounts of the donations are given: Total receipts, \$1,089.29; total expenditures, \$716.81.

The semiannual report for the period ending January 31, 1914, shows the following:

Total receipts	\$7,989.07
Total expenditures	<u>4,668.24</u>
Balance on hand	\$3,321.23 (sic)
Value of real estate and buildings	\$85,239.17

The article continues as follows:

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"Dear friends! To this financial report we need to add a summary of the so-called inner activity of this organization.

"First it should be mentioned that we have gained many new friends in the year just ended, who showed their generosity by donating both money and many useful articles. It is to be desired that these friends bring with them others as interested in this philanthropic undertaking as they are themselves.

"One of our patrons is Mrs. Anna Zajicek who, following the initiative of Mrs. Rinn, nee Sadilek, furnished a bedroom for our grown-up girls.

"During the year, and under the direction of Mr. Charvat, the building housing the restaurant was repaired.

"The Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec received its State permit January 6, 1913, and the orphanage was divided into two schools, the Bohemian Industrial School for Girls, and the Bohemian Training School for Girls. This division makes it

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possible to teach the children something useful during the time they are not occupied in the schoolrooms.

"The books of our organization were audited by a public accountant, because application was made for membership in the Chicago Association of Commerce, and such an audit is required by the Association. Our books were found correct, and the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec became a member of the Chicago Association of Commerce, which is positive proof that our organization is recognized as useful and properly conducted.

"Dr. Frank J. Jirka is our physician. He renders his services without remuneration.

"Mr. Otto F. Dusek, our manager, thanks every one who in any way has helped our organization."

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Denni Blasatel, Aug. 21, 1915.

A MEETING OF CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

At yesterday's meeting of the board of representatives of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage)....various committees and individual officers presented their semi-annual reports.....

....The bank balance at the end of the previous semi-annual period was \$1,777.11; income during the past six months, \$3,194.33, making a total of \$4,971.34; expenses were 7,570.47. The difference of \$2,595.15 was advanced by the treasurer....

At the beginning of the present period, the assets of the institution amounted to \$30,155.31, as against today's assets of \$33,036.96....showing an increase of \$2,883.62.

The chairman of the entertainment committee reported that the final accounting of the recent concert has not yet been made, but according to figures available at this time, there would be a net profit of some \$625. He also reported that the

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Denni Mlasatel, Aug. 21, 1913.

Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) sent in \$50.  
as the Utulna's share of the proceeds of the association's tag day.....

Chairman Suchy reported that so far only one half of the chances on the lot  
had been sold, and he urged members to take this matter energetically into  
hand.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 14, 1913.

A MEETING OF THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

(Summary)

At the meeting of the Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) held July 16, receipts amounting to \$1,148.95 and expenses of \$1035.40 were reported. On behalf of the organization, Manager Otto F. Dusek thanked all those who gave monetary donations and such services as haircuts to a number of boys, furniture for a bedroom, cakes, pastries, soda, etc.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 22, 1913.

MEETING OF THE ČESKÁ ÚTULNA A SIROTČINEC

.....A very lively discussion was started in the meeting of the Česká Útulna A Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) by the reading of an advertisement in Bohemian dailies concerning the prize contest of the Pilsen Brewing Company for the benefit of several Bohemian charitable organizations, a contest for which these organizations are expected to appoint representatives who would supervise the counting of ballots issued to purchasers of Olympia Beer.

In response to an inquiry by Dr. František Iška, Chairman Vojtěch Suchý declared that the Pilsen Brewing Company started this action without having consulted the Utulna A Sirotcinec and without having received the latter's consent. In the opinion of Mr. Flider and several other members, it is not in keeping with the character and prestige of the Útulnia A Sirotčinec to to have its name associated with any action such as that of the Pilsen

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Brewing Company. These members propose to address a protest against this action to the company. Mr. Illich suggested that the Ůtulna wait until the contest is over and the prizes are distributed, and then issue a warning to the company against organizing a similar contest for the benefit of the Ůtulna A Sirotčinec in the future or using the Utulna's name for any purpose whatsoever without securing its consent in advance.

Dr. Iška was of the opinion that the Ůtulna should refuse to accept the prize. He says that "we should not agree to run in these 'Olympic Beer games,' and we should refuse the nomination of a representative". The chairman pointed out that the prize would be a welcome addition to Ůtulna's bank account. Dr. Iska formally moved that the company be warned against the use of the Ůtulna's name without securing its permission in advance, and that the organization refuse to nominate a representative. The motion was seconded and carried.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 3, 1913.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

(Summary)

Receipts at the meeting of the Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) held on February 19, 1913, totaled \$2,122.17. Reported expenses were \$729.92.



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Denni Hlasatel, Feb.25, 1913.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CESKÁ ÚTULNA A SIROTCINEC

(Summary)

[Translator's note: This article, filling almost two full columns, lists the contributions to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage of Bohemian corporations, American corporations, Bohemian and American individual business and professional men, Bohemian social organizations, clubs, societies, etc., and private individuals. Total: \$1,189.76. No indications are given as to the period of time the contributions cover.]



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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 28, 1912.

THE ČESKÁ ÚTULNA A SIROTČINEC

Since the old year is rapidly coming to a close, it may be advisable to make the Bohemian Freethinking people somewhat better acquainted with two of our most important charitable institutions in Chicago--the Česká Útulna A Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage)--and their work.

These institutions are located on North 40th and Foster Avenues. The grounds cover about ten acres, and the buildings are rather new. The original building for the Old People's Home now houses the Orphanage, which has about thirty inmates at the present time. In addition to the children's quarters, the offices of the organization and rooms for the help, etc., are located there.

Then there is the older building which is used as a home for old men and women, of whom there are now about twenty. Adjacent to these two, there are a number of other buildings used exclusively by the institutions, such as an icehouse, a woodshed, a barn where three cows are kept, etc. The institutions have a

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III C large garden, and a small patch where vegetables are raised.

All of this equipment is owned by a body known as the Sbor Útulny A Sirotčince (Board of the Old People's Home and Orphanage), consisting of representatives of our Free Thought societies, such as lodges of the Česko-Slovanské Podporující Spolky (Bohemian-Slavonic Benevolent Societies), the Česko-Slovanská Jednota (Bohemian-Slavonic Unity), the Česko-Američtí Lesníci A Lesnice (Bohemian-American men and women Foresters), the Táboriti (Taborites), the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Women's Unity), the Sesterská Podporující Jednota (Benevolent Sisterhood), the Sokols, workmen's organizations, and other societies, bodies and associations, educational clubs, singing societies, etc. In addition to these bodies--which are all "members" of the institutions--there are many individuals who are also members. The Sbor Útulny A Sirotčince is incorporated in the State of Illinois and consequently is subject to all Illinois laws governing such institutions.

The purpose of this corporation is to give shelter to old men and women of

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III C Bohemian nationality who, through no fault of their own, have become destitute, and to furnish education, board, and shelter to Bohemian orphans.

The member organizations select the men (or women) who will represent them as members of the board. These representatives meet once a month and elect their officers at the annual meeting. These officers are: chairman, secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer. In addition to these, the representatives elect seven members who, together with the four officers, comprise the so-called "Předsednictvo" (Presidium) [a body comparable to and perhaps best translated as "executive committee"] of eleven members, whose duty it is to supervise all activities of the body, conduct its accounting, take care of all needs of the institutions, and execute all actions agreed upon by the representatives in their meetings.

In addition to this executive committee, an investigations committee of five members is elected whose duty it is to investigate applications for admission

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III C      to the institutions and to report its findings to the representatives. The representatives then decide on the action to be taken in each individual case.

Other committees are the accounting committee, which audits the books twice a year, and the propaganda committee, whose duty it is to seek new sources of income for the institutions.

From the organization's set-up, it is evident that no small group of individuals or any clique can decide on admissions, and that in all actions of any importance, the decision is in the hands of all representatives.

The trouble is that the institutions are not large enough to be in a position to make a favorable decision on each application received. Thus, the board of representatives is occasionally criticised and wrongly accused of making arbitrary decisions.

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The board recently applied for a new charter for the orphanage in order to be able to take advantage of the so-called Industrial Law.

Once this new charter is secured, the county will have to pay the orphanage ten dollars monthly for every boy and fifteen dollars for every girl, that is for those boys and girls who are orphans and whose parents were citizens of the State of Illinois and the County of Cook.

Before the kind of charter the board has applied for is issued, the State of Illinois makes a very thorough investigation of the institution. The State sent an inspector, Mr. Chas. Wirten, to the Útulna a Sirotčinec, and it was most enlightening to watch his methods.

First he called together all officers and members of the executive committee and submitted them to a long questioning. They had to give a history of the orphanage, the way it is managed, what its income is, how it is derived, as well as detailed information concerning everything in connection with the institution. Then Mr. Wirten explained what improvements must be made, what

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III C     the board must avoid, and offered many useful suggestions. The next day he came at 6:30 in the morning, had breakfast with the children, and stayed for dinner in order to see what they are fed. He wanted to see what kind of luncheon they take along to school. He paid close attention to all safety measures; state of cleanliness, appearance of the whole institution, the children's health, dress, and beds. He wanted to know whether the children are taught to love work, and he asked questions about everything in and connected with the orphanage.

After all this, he stated that we have a model, well run institution, and that as far as he is concerned, we can expect that the commission which issues these charters will receive the best recommendation for our orphanage.

The reason for this care is the fact that there are many similar institutions run purely for profit. Such institutions take in many orphans and get the county's subsidy for their support. Then, for example, a farmer comes and asks for a strong boy whom he could adopt. The institution gives him such a

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III C boy, but the county keeps on paying for him. The farmer buys him a pair of shoes for a dollar or so, a cheap suit of clothes, puts the boy to work, and saves the expense of a farm hand, to whom he would have to pay thirty dollars a month. Or, a lady comes and desires to take into her home a girl to whom she would like to give an education. But this education consists mostly of laundry work, scrubbing floors, etc., and the lady has a maid for nothing. This I mention only as a warning to our people and organizations, because such orphanages have many well-paid agents who go around soliciting contributions for their "charitable" institutions.

Our Útulna A Sirotčinec, because of the way they are managed and conducted, because of the supervision they are receiving from our member organizations, are two institutions that deserve complete confidence and general support.

In recent years, various orders of so-called "Good Fellows" were being organized among the American people. The members of these Good-Fellow organizations pledge to do good deeds of one kind or another. It is a pleasure to

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III C know that we have such "Good Fellows" among us also. One of them is certainly the Český Národní Hřbitov (Bohemian National Cemetery) with its \$500 contributions. Another is the Dámský Odbor České Besedy (Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bohemian Club), which is helpful to the orphans in various ways. There is also the Dobročinný Krovžek Dam České Kalifornie (California Ladies' Benevolent Circle), and the Spolek Plzeňských Řezníků (Pilsen Butchers' Association), which has already donated two cows to the institution, besides other valuable gifts.

Mr. Jas. Vašumpaur's donation of a gramophone has afforded many a gay hour for the orphans. Would that we had more such good fellows among us, because they may be assured that every donation goes to the right place and is properly used.

In closing, I should like to give my readers an idea of the institutions' yearly financial requirements. We spend about \$2,500 for meats and groceries, \$600 for light and heat, and \$1,040 for the pay roll. Other expenses, such as

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III C medicines and medical services, clothes, furniture, etc., raise the total to about \$6,000.

The Sbor Útulny a Sirotčince expresses its thanks for the following donations: To Mr. Jas. Vašumpaur for a gramophone valued at approximately \$85; the Fulton Market Company for six geese for the Thanksgiving Day dinner; Mr. Jan. Svoboda, owner of the Grand Leader, for a swing for the children; Mr. Jindra's grocery store for a branch of bananas; the girls of the Carter Harrison Technical High School for assorted linen of their own making; Chas. Novák and Company for six sets of water colors and brushes. All of these generous donors have not only the board's gratitude, but also the gratitude of the inmates of the institutions who have enjoyed their donations immensely. The Sbor Útulny a Sirotčince is thankful for any and all help given to the institutions and pledges again to devote itself honestly and lovingly to the care of our destitute old people and orphans, an increasing number of whom have sent in their applications recently.

We have been receiving complaints from out-of-town member organizations to the

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effect that they miss news and reports concerning our institutions.

Since it is impossible for us to send out our reports all over America, I am requesting Bohemian Freethinking newspapers in America to publish this article. Greetings!

For the Sbor Útulny a Sirotčince,

Jos. Trnka, Secretary,

2866 Woodard Street,

Chicago, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 29, 1912.

REPORT FROM THE UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

The report of Cenek Bolek, the manager of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Old People's Home and Orphanage) for the period from July 14 to August 18, 1912, shows the names of contributors together with amounts and articles donated as follows: [Translator's note: The report lists many articles of clothing, foodstuffs and other needs in addition to sums of money.]

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During the school vacation the children are kept occupied with tasks which may benefit them at some later date. The many visitors were not niggardly in their admiration and praise of the exemplary cleanliness and order within and without the Home, and they classed our Institution as one of the best in America in every respect. It must be admitted that Mr. and Mrs. Siman deserve the full recognition of the Association for the work accomplished; in the provision of everything necessary, industry and economy are displayed by the housekeeper,

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Mrs. Siman. Proof of good management is given by the bills, which were reduced by almost one half while the number of wards of the Institution increased. Stocks of firewood speak for the janitor who, with the aid of two inmates, provided both Homes with firewood for the winter and, in addition, performs many other tasks.

The health of all the inmates with but few exceptions is very good.

For the Board of delegates of the Utulna A Sirotcinec,  
V. Suchy, president,  
Joseph Trnka, secretary.

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ČESKÁ ÚTULNA A SIROTČINEC

The Česká Útulna A Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) held a special meeting Tuesday to consider proposals for improvements on a part of its property called the "Point". The meeting, which was attended by twenty-five representatives, was called to receive the proposals that were expected to result from an invitation that had been issued, but only one came in--that of the Pilsen Brewing Company. The Company proposes to lease the "Point" for twenty-five years and erect on it a building suitable for a restaurant for \$12,000 and spend \$5,000 for landscaping. If the landscaping should cost more, the difference would be paid by the Útulna....

[Translator's note: There follows a detailed description of the contract offered by the Pilsen Brewing Company.]

After a long debate the proposal was accepted, nineteen representatives voting for the proposal, one against, and four representatives of women's organizations abstaining from voting.



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As we have pointed out several times in our previous issues, the matter of improving the property had been taken up only in order to insure a permanent and reliable source of revenue for the Útulna. It certainly is to be regretted that a majority of women's organizations have been against this proposal, and that they had caused a rift in the body by having recalled their representatives from the two most recent meetings.....

The whole affair could have been brought to an end a long time ago if all representatives had cared to consider it from a practical point of view.....



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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 27, 1912.

RECEIPTS REPORTED IN THE MEETING OF THE UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

(Summary)

In the meeting held on February 21, 1912, by the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Old People's Home and Orphanage Association), receipts reported from various sources amounted to \$667.26.

[Translator's note: The article lists the names and sources together with the amounts of the contributions and is signed by Mr. F. P. Svobda, financial secretary.]



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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 22, 1912.

MEETING OF THE UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

The meeting of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Old People's Home and Orphanage Association) was called to order by the president, Mr. Freidl. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following women's organizations are withdrawing their delegates from the Association because they do not agree with the proposed building of the tavern, the election of officers, and the amendments to the bylaws: Lodge Karolina Svetla, Jednota Ceskych Dam (Unity of Bohemian Ladies); Velkovybor Jednota Ceskych Dam (Grand Lodge Executive Committee of the Unity of Bohemian Ladies); the Grand Lodge Executive Committee of the Jednota Ceskych Vlastenek (Unity of Bohemian Women Patriots) of the State of Illinois; Lodges Premyslovna, Zdenka Havlicek, and Ratolest Miru, of the Women Sokols of Chicago; Lodge Frantiska Gregorova, Lodge Vlasta, Lodge Vitezstvi, Lodge Milada Z Dube, and the Sdruzeni Ceskych Dam (Federation of Bohemian Ladies).....

The canvas of the vote on the issue of the tavern was then taken, and the result



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was fifty-four votes against and fifty-eight votes for the proposal. The report was accepted, and the committee will now receive bids for the construction of a suitable building.

The financial secretary's report has not yet been completed, and the secretary was therefore given until next meeting to complete this task.....

A lengthy debate ensued over the withdrawal of the delegates of the women's organizations; but in order to allow the disturbance to subside, we will remain silent about it. The entire question was referred to a special meeting where the matter will be adjusted as well as possible.....

Receipts were \$571.80; disbursements were \$225.10.





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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 7, 1912.

FOR THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

Praha Lodge, No. 231, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, one of the best known organizations in our social life, held an informal entertainment after its meeting on January 3, 1912, in the Sokol Chicago Hall. A collection for the benefit of the Old People's Home and Orphanage was taken up among those present, and the sum of \$28.50 was realized. The money was turned over to Mr. Anton Charvat, a member of the management committee of the Old People's Home. We take the privilege, at this time, to call the attention of all Czech benevolent and other societies to this fine example of the Praha Lodge.



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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE OLD PEOPLES HOME AND ORPHANAGE [ASSOCIATION]

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Frýdl, at the appointed time. Because numerous letters were received from Czech societies in reply to the Association's request that they indicate whether they are for or against the idea of building a tavern on the grounds of the Old Peoples Home and Orphanage, it was moved that a committee be appointed and authorized to examine the letters and report the result. All the letters were turned over to the committee, which then retired to an adjoining room to take care of the matter.

The meeting then proceeded with the regular order of business and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Then followed the reading of communications in which societies announced the names of newly elected delegates to the Association as follows: [A list of names of lodges together with the names of the new delegates is given.]



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In so far as could be ascertained from the mass of correspondence received, the following Christmas contributions, gifts, and payments were received: /there follows a list of names and amounts contributed/. Total, \$681.45. Disbursements at the institution during the past month amounted to \$243.36.

At this time the committee which was canvassing the letters in reference to the tavern returned and announced that thirty-nine were opposed to the tavern, forty-one were in favor of it, and ten had left the matter to the discretion of the Association; of the ten, one was not considered and the other nine were cast in favor of the tavern. The principle objectors were the women's organizations. The sharpest protest against the tavern was made in a letter sent by Mr. John Královec. The final result was forty-five votes against and fifty-two votes for the tavern. However, since it was announced that many societies had not yet held meetings and therefore were not able to express their wishes in the matter, it was finally decided to postpone action on the matter until the next meeting.



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Receipts of the evening were \$1,664.25. Bills payable were set over until the next meeting.



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Denni Hlasatel, June 26, 1931.

THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

Mr. Bunata the Manager of the Institution was forced to  
tender His Resignation, which was Accepted

The regular monthly meeting of the delegates of the Old People's Home and Orphanage was held last night. In the absence of the chairman Mr. Frydl, the meeting was called to order by the vice-chairman Mr. Leopold Ruzicka. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without correction. The semi-annual report and the report of the management committee were read and approved as read.

Karel Nevlicek Lodge No. 18. C. S. J. (Czech-Slovakian Unity) announced as their delegate Mr. Joseph Pachar; Mrs. Frantiska Hlavacek, appeared as the delegate for Lodge "Snezka."

Thirty-five dollars was turned in as a legacy from the estate of Anna Salek.



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The bond of the financial secretary Mr. Ferdinand Svoboda was accepted without protest.

Several applications for admission to the Home and the Orphanage were referred to the investigation committee.

Plans of the newly surveyed property of the Institution were introduced and the question was brought up as to whether or not it would be better to move the old building or erect a new building on the north side of the creek, that is, where Mr. Vlacina's monument works are now located.

The committee substantiated its view in this respect by the fact that the Institution's taxes would be less and also that the Institution would benefit financially, for Foster Avenue is to be put through and thereby the new tavern would be located at the corner of Fourtieth Avenue and Foster Avenue, while the buildings of the Institution would remain isolated



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on the other bank of the creek. In this way the continuous reference to the tavern in the immediate vicinity of the Institution would be avoided, thereby making it much easier to establish contact with various welfare societies which would yield from \$1,500 to \$2,000 yearly for the benefit of the Institution. A committee of six members was appointed to take the matter under consideration and with the management decide whether the old building should be moved or a new building erected, and also whether the saloon license can be transferred to the new location.

The complaint of the manager Mr. Bunata against the management committee and Mrs. Blafka created a painful impression. He complained that the committee was careless and as proof brought forward a certain bill on which he claimed eighteen dollars could have been saved. There is no doubt that Mr. Bunata was mistaken in this respect, for the bill was for kitchen necessities which the women of the committee look after and their



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many years of sacrificing labor in behalf of the Institution is well known.

The committee completely ignored the charges brought by Mr. Bunata and introduced some facts concerning the manager for consideration, asking the delegates to decide whether or not Mr. Bunata should remain in his position as manager. A lengthy debate ensued until Mr. Bunata, on the advice of several more moderate delegates and to avoid a public scandal, handed in his resignation which was unanimously accepted, whereupon the meeting was adjourned.





Denni Hlasatel, Sep. 22, 1910.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ORPHANAGE  
AND OLD PEOPLES HOME ASSOCIATION

P. 1, Col. 6 -- Promptly at 8 o'clock yesterday evening the regular monthly meeting of the Orphanage and Old Peoples Home Association convened, with Mr. Pecha as chairman, in the lower hall of the Bohemian Liberal School on west 18th street.

Mr. Vlaciha, the secretary, sent his regrets for his absence, caused by illness, and Mr. Bolek acted in his stead as temporary secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting of September 17, 1910, were read and approved of.

At the request of the president the delegates present arose in respect to the memory of one of the deceased delegates, Mr. Prybl, who was a benefactor of the Orphanage and Old People's Home Association. The delegates also extended their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved widow.

A communication was read from Vratislav Lodge No. 51 C. S. P. S. (Czecho-

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Slovak Benevolent Association) requesting the admission of Anna Trnka, who recently arrived from the old homeland, Bohemia, and will contribute the sum of \$1,250. The matter was deferred for further investigation.

Svornost Lodge requests the admission of one of its members, Mr. Frank Syndilk, who has no property but has an insurance policy for \$1,000 and is willing to make the Old People's Home Association the beneficiary. His sister is the present beneficiary. Therefore a resolution was moved and adopted that Mr. Syndilk should first have the policy changed to make the Old People's Home Association the beneficiary, and that then he should be admitted to the Old People's Home. Otherwise it will be his sister's duty to care for him.

America Lodge brought to the attention of the body of delegates that this Orphanage was built exclusively for orphans, and that it was not intended to admit children who have a father or mother unless one of the parents is able to pay for their care. This led to a heated discussion. It was resolved that for the present no change in policy shall be made, and that as heretofore each individual case shall be brought before the assembly of delegates and be acted upon accordingly.

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Mr. John Vopicka made a request for admission to the Old People's Home, but since he has two sons who should be able to care for him, this matter was referred to the Bohemian Charitable Association for investigation, which will see to it that the two sons provide for their 72-year-old father.

Joseph Lestina made a request in writing for the admission of his 86-year-old mother and is willing to pay \$10 monthly for her care. He gives as reason the fact that he has a family of eight children and has small living quarters, so that his mother would have to lie on the floor. This also led to a heated debate, and it was remarked that the Association does not provide for any one gratis; that inmates must pay for being cared for or will something of value to the Association.

The investigating committee gave a report concerning a five-year-old boy, Frank, the son of Mrs. Anna Stepan, deceased. The boy was born in a maternity hospital and is without relatives. He should be admitted to the Orphanage. Joseph Kloucka's request for admission was tabled for investigation. Mr. Kloucka states that his equity in certain property is in the hands of a bank in Kansas City, Mo., and amounts to \$480, and that he has some cash on hand.

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The semi-annual report of the Orphanage and Old People's Home Association was read. Resources amount to \$67,000, an increase of \$5,000 over the total given in the previous annual report.

Receipts were \$250, and disbursements \$532.45. The Orphanage has twenty-one inmates; the Old People's Home has eighteen inmates, fourteen women and four men.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 16, 1908.

CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

A meeting of the directors of Ceska Utulna A Sirotcinec (Old People's Home and Orphanage) was held yesterday at the C. S. P. S. Hall. The chairman opened the meeting at 8 P.M. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. The committee from the Grand Lodge of Ceske Vlastenky (Bohemian Patriotic Ladies) announced that Magdalena Fenik was duly elected as representative of the Grand Lodge, and, that Lodge Karolina Svetla, No. 36, recently admitted, requests an explanation about a donation by this lodge in the amount of five dollars, which to this date is not accounted for. The secretary was instructed to make an investigation of this account as requested. Lodge Svatopluk, No. 1108, R. Knights and Ladies of Honor, announced that Mr. Henry Bafka was their newly elected representative. Mr. John Wagoun brought in the monthly dues from the violin school. He brought in one dollar for the month of March. Mrs. Ruzicka, who represents the Chicagska Jednota Ceskych Dam (Chicago Bohemian Ladies' Unity) made its quarterly payment of twenty-five dollars. Then Mr. J. Philip presented a bill of two hundred dollars for the hauling of cinders to level the grounds of the Orphanage.

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Mr. Wm. M. Kisling presented a bill for repairing the roof of the Orphanage building. This bill, which amounted to ninety dollars, was ordered paid. One of the directors was aroused about this matter, and stated that this work was not done by Bohemians, but after he was informed that a Bohemian firm estimated \$140 more for the same kind of repair, it was ordered paid. The managing committee reported that "Grandma" Kokov, who has been in the Old People's Home nearly eleven months, and who donated fifty dollars to the Home for her cure, has now left the institution. Upon the recommendation of the committee the sum of twenty-five dollars will be refunded to her. A club by the name Klub Debatujicich Dobraku (Club of the Goodhearted Debaters) sent eight dollars to the office of this newspaper for the Orphanage. Another donation in the amount of \$4.50 was brought in by Mrs. Matous; the money was collected at a social affair held at her home recently. While we are mentioning names of donors the following may also be given a place: Mr. J. Suchoman, 2931 North 42nd Court, \$2.60; Mrs. Anna Stroll, 1060 South Troy Street, \$4.20. Several other donations were received from persons who wished their names withheld. The housekeeper of the Orphanage made her monthly report, which was accepted. Mr. Joseph Smid, a carpenter contractor, presented

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an estimate of \$216 for a new floor in the dancing room, and the managing committee was instructed to accept this bid. The chairman recommended that some kind of system be installed for bookkeeping, so that, if the State Auditor should audit the books, he would find them in the best of condition. Mrs. Bezner volunteered to prepare the system of bookkeeping and the chairman thanked her for volunteering to do this for the institution. Mr. John Pecha, chairman of the Bohemian National Cemetary Association, requested the newspaper reporter to announce through the press at this time that not all the raffle tickets for a lot to be raffled off are sold, and that as soon as they are the raffle will take place; and that the winner's name will be announced. The bond of Mr. Bolek as vice-chairman was accepted and the new officer was immediately installed. The chairman regretted the necessity of remarking that a number of gossipers are contending that the institutions are not "on the level"; this is detrimental to the Old People's Home and to the Orphanage. In resenting the slur the chairman stated that all the directors, representatives, delegates and committees are rendering their services absolutely free of charge, and hence that abuse is out of the question. There are some scoundrels who have nothing else to do and are always ready

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to tell lies about those who are always willing to do charitable work.  
These persons will be stopped in due time, even by punishment if necessary.

It was decided that the roof be repaired. The receipts were \$213.39 and expenditures were \$384. The meeting then adjourned, a few minutes before 11 P.M.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 17, 1907.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

New Officers Elected

P.1--The annual meeting of the council yesterday proved that our people's interest in our national humanitarian undertakings is not diminishing. It seems, on the contrary, to be increasing rapidly. Not only was the attendance large at this meeting, but the election of officers aroused keen interest in all the delegates. They chose officers who are well able to perform their several duties.

Practically every Bohemian organization in Chicago was represented at the meeting.

The zeal displayed by the delegates was really inspiring.

Contributions to the institution amounted to \$890.91, collected from large Bohemian business houses, brewries, and Bohemian organizations in Chicago.

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From the reports of the council we learn that new buildings are under construction, and that in several weeks they will be ready for dedication.

We are making progress, and the Bohemian people of Chicago should recognize the importance of the enterprise. Work of this nature is not to be compared with anything else. It provides for destitute aged Bohemians and Bohemian orphans.

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### COOPERATION OF BOHEMIANS

P.1--The Garden City Brewers' Association has donated \$100 to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage Association of Chicago, and the same amount to the Bohemian Catholic Orphans' Home at Lysle, Illinois.

Last Wednesday the stock-holders of the Garden City Brewery met to elect their board of directors. In this meeting they also voted unanimously to send their annual donation to the societies already mentioned.

Our national and local benevolent societies would never be short of funds if all our large Bohemian business-houses and concerns, remembered them as the Bohemian Brewers, do in the way of financial support. It is with great pride and joy that we point to the wonderful support which we have received from them. The Bohemian Brewers donate annually towards this humanitarian undertaking.

One must admit that the breweries operated by Bohemians, are succesful. We all wish them success in the future because they are Bohemian enterprises,

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and because they do not shirk their duty to cooperate with Bohemian benevolent societies.

We hope that others will take this as an example and will do their share toward the support of this worthy cause.

Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 11, 1906.

THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Bids have been submitted for the construction of the Old People's Home. We have been waiting for this for twelve years, and we welcome this step with great satisfaction. But at the same time we express the hope that we shall not have to wait another twelve years for the actual construction or furnishing of the Home. Nevertheless we must not reproach the Association in any way, for its representatives have always done their duty. Rather it is our fault, the fault of all of us, because we were not generous enough, were not energetic enough in seeing to the establishment of an Old People's Home and an Orphanage. This noble, truly necessary undertaking should have been the goal of all Bohemians; we should all have done our duty, and then it would have been completed long ago. Thus far we have not done so. We depended upon one another, and the majority of us left all the work for the minority. The Old People's Home was not sufficient for us; we immediately started a dozen other projects and tried to work on all of them at once.

Yes, we started; but when shall we finish? We speak beautifully and

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enthusiastically, but at the same time we divide our strength and then complain that we are weak, that we shall not accomplish anything. We had one objective, and we should have dedicated ourselves industriously to it. Then, after we had brought it to a successful conclusion, we could have worked with eager energy on another. Why don't we do it that way?

Denni Glasatel, Apr. 27, 1905.

THE DAILY NEWS

4.4--The fair for the old people's home and the orphan asylum has not met with the success really expected. Why? The answer to this question is not easy to find. For there is nothing to-day to keep anybody from endorsing this enterprise.

Formerly many people used as excuse a paragraph in the by-laws which read that nobody should be accepted for the old people's home who could not deposit \$300 as admission fee, which was against their better judgment, and they could not develop any enthusiasm for the enterprise. This paragraph has been entirely rescinded, and every old man or woman will be admitted when poverty and merit have been proved.

And yet the icy crust on the hearts of many of our countrymen has not been melted by this alteration in the rules. Thus far not enough patrons have appeared at the bazaar to make us enthusiastically proclaim: All the people ardently desire this institution and wish for its existence.

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Denni Klatetel, Apr. 27, 1905.

Well, then, there must be other reasons for this indifference. These causes ought to be sought out and removed at all costs. Surely we are not mistaken in maintaining that the most important reason for this indifference is endless dilly-dallying. People want to see something done, people want facts; in short, to see the building begun. Why wait, why delay? The ground has been paid for, some money is on hand; why not decide to erect the buildings and at last establish the proposed institutions? There is not sufficient capital, they say, to guarantee the maintenance of the institutions. There will never be sufficient; such capital must never be counted on. The capital is in the hearts of the benefactors, and because the greater part of these do not want to release it before the institutions are established, the capital lies dead, bearing no interest, and that is a mistake.

Why not go ahead with building? What is there to be afraid of? Once Bohemian old men, old women, and orphans are in the institution, surely we shall not let them want. The Bohemian people certainly would not so shame themselves. It is useless, to-day, to argue about this matter. It has been proved that the people desire the establishment of the institutions, and therefore their wish should be complied with without delay.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 19, 1905.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BUILDING OF THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME  
AND THE ORPHANAGE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Yesterday the association which has for its aim to provide for the building of the Old People's Home and the Orphanage met in the lower hall of the Bohemian English Liberal School on Eighteenth Street. The meeting was well attended, and its results were really satisfactory. It is evident that in this last year much effective work has been done to advance the undertaking, and it cannot be denied because of these activities the goal is almost attained. This must surely please every sincerely charitable Bohemian.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Frydl, the chairman of the Association. As has been said above, there was a large attendance of the delegates of the societies which form the Association. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the secretary, Mr. Karel Musil, communications received were read. In these communications the names were announced of the

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newly elected delegates. We observed that the lodges and the corporations had selected intelligent and capable representatives, who will be able to do much for the good of the Association.

Mr. Suchy, secretary of the executive committee, read the notes of the executive committee's meeting held last Sunday. The meeting then proceeded with the election of officers. Mr. Jan Pech was unanimously chosen president. Mrs. Liskova was unanimously elected vice-president. The election of a secretary was a bit more difficult because many of those nominated hesitated to accept this thankless office. However, Mr. R. Svacha finally did accept the nomination and was unanimously elected. Mr. C. Stybr was elected financial secretary, and Mr. Antonin Zahrobsky treasurer. The managing committee of five members was chosen as follows: Messrs. Psenka, Tokstein, Charvat, and Haisman and Mrs. Pech. Messrs. Novak, Musil, and Tucek were elected to the auditing committee. The entertainment committee will be named at the next meeting by the newly elected president.

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The Association can only congratulate itself upon the result of this election. There is no doubt that the general public will also be pleased with the results and will show its approval by generous gifts to the Home and the Orphanage. Several proposals for the good of the Association were offered after the election of officers had been completed. Those which were recognized as beneficial to the Association were accepted.

Receipts of the evening amounted to the substantial sum of \$1,059.10; disbursements, none. [After this had been announced], the meeting was adjourned.

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 3, 1904.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OF THE HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The executive committee of the Home and Orphanage met yesterday afternoon after a long recess. It was the first meeting since February 10.

Of course we gladly forgive the committee for this long period of rest because by yesterday's meeting it proved to us, that although it has long been inactive, it is now taking up with renewed vigor the large amount of work which has accumulated during that time. The executive committee has done much for this national undertaking of ours in the short time of its existence; in fact it has pushed everything so far forward that what seemed to be in the immeasurable future is rapidly approaching accomplishment, and there is no doubt that if the committee continues to work as it has heretofore done, the building of the Home is only a question of a short time. Of course everything depends upon the liberality of our people, but the committee can go ahead with full confidence

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on that score, because this liberality has already been proved so often that there is no doubt that it will again be manifested . To judge by the course of yesterday's meeting, we can expect that work will now be energetically begun, and that agitation in behalf of the undertaking will be extended among all classes of our people.

On the premises of the Bohemian-American Free Thought School on 18th Street a number of ladies and gentlemen, members of the committee, assembled yesterday and deliberated all afternoon on the most fitting manner in which to initiate the new enterprise. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Charvat. Jan Viska acted as secretary. It was resolved to accept the proposal of Judge [A. J.] Sabath that a bazaar be arranged for, to be held either in February or in March, to surpass by its originality all those that have thus far been organized. All Bohemian societies will be invited to participate. An entertainment committee of seven was elected, whose duty it will be to arrange all the entertainments given for the benefit of the Home.

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The members of the executive committee came to the decision yesterday that it would be well to follow the advice given to it last year by Mr. [Charles J.] Vopicka, and therefore a committee was elected to visit Mr. Vopicka and invite him to do what he promised, that is, to arrange for the organization of a club which will promote the undertaking among the general public. It was also decided that one of the lots donated by Mr. F. Zajicek some time ago be placed on raffle. For this purpose two thousand lottery tickets will be sold at twenty-five cents each. There is no doubt that the tickets will readily be disposed of, for not only is the opportunity to win a valuable building lot offered, but by paying that twenty-five cents every purchaser of a ticket will have the knowledge that he has contributed his mite to a philanthropic undertaking. After giving expression to many very well considered reflections and opinions, the meeting adjourned. We hope that we shall soon hear the best possible reports about the activities of the executive committee.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 21, 1904.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.



That the idea of building a home for our aged people and an orphanage for our orphans has at last been accepted everywhere was best demonstrated by yesterday's annual meeting of the representatives of that body, held in the lower hall of the Bohemian American Liberal School. In spite of yesterday's inclement weather, the meeting was numerously attended, more so than we are accustomed to seeing. In honor to the ladies, it must be said that they outnumbered the men, though the men were well represented.

The meeting was brought to order by the chairman of the association, Mrs. Licka, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Nearly all the newly elected representatives were present at the meeting and immediately inducted into the association. Various gifts were then announced, some of which were really remarkable.

Mr. Ant. Zahrobsky turned in a check for two hundred dollars from the Garden City Brewing company.

Officers for the coming year were then elected. Mr. Eugene Frydl was elected chair-

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man; Mrs. Liska, vice-chairman; Mr. Vaclav Klenka, secretary; Mr. Jos. Bozovsky, treasurer. The following were elected to the managing committee: Messrs. Jos. Smejkal, A. Charvat, Jan Pech, Ant. Zahrobsky, and Vojt. Suchy. The auditing committee is composed of Messrs. Matejka, Janda, and Skarda.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Receipts were	\$943.30
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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 18, 1903.

FOR THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Representatives of W. W. Kimball Co. met with a committee from the Old People's Home last night, to decide for the concert, which this firm wishes to arrange in behalf of the Old People's Home, could be assured the greatest success. As is known, the Kimball Co., is donating a beautiful piano to the Home and on the occasion of the drawing of lots wants to arrange a grand concert, the profits of which would go to the Home. Yesterday's meeting was concerned with placing the orders for the necessary printing it was further resolved that raffle-tickets be priced at \$1.00; reserved seats at 75¢; main floor seats at 50¢ and gallery seats at 35¢. It was decided to invite the Bohemian Singing Societies to participate in the concert. The Kimball Company will arrange for the best piano artists. The Bohemian Zither Club is also to be invited to participate. At yesterday's meeting the Kimball Company was represented by Messrs. M. Rabinoff, Fr. Novotny and F. J. Jiracek. Further details of the concert will be arranged at tomorrow's meeting of the "Home".



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Denni Hlasatel, June 19, 1903.

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FOR OUR AGED AND ORPHANS.

The meeting was held on Wednesday evening and the attendance was enormous. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and announcement made of the joining of five lodges as new members of the home association.

The representative of the "Ceska Vlast" (Bohemian Nation Club) turned in \$86.25, profit from a dance given for the benefit of the home.

The receipts of the meeting were \$737. If as much was received at each meeting, we would soon have the home and the orphanage in operation.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 17, 1903.

MEETING OF COMMITTEES FOR THE HOME.



Yesterday evening there was held in the school on 18th Street, a meeting of the committees for the old people's home and the orphanage. According to the attendance at the meeting, it is evident that interest in the home and the orphanage appears to have reached all classes of our people. The meeting was attended not only by representatives of labor, but by representatives of our more well-to-do society, and all were filled with enthusiasm for this community enterprise.

After Mr. Viska was elected permanent secretary, Judge Sabath gave the report of the committee of five. From this report it was evident that the committee really worked energetically. More than three hundred members were invited to attend the meeting; of these more than half arrived. Further the judge made a motion that some sort of business manager be appointed for these national undertakings, who would have charge of all details and be paid for his work. Finally the idea of Mr. Novak was accepted that some things, such as lots donated should be placed for raffle. 50,000 tickets are to be printed and these sold at one dollar each, thereby a large sum of money will certainly accrue.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 22, 1903.

FOR THE HOME AND ORPHANAGE.



In spite of the rain, which last night so copiously drenched the thirsting earth, the meeting of the joint-committee of the home and orphanage was attended by almost all of the members. The meeting was called to order by the chairman Mr. Ant. Charvat, and Mr. Jan Viska was elected secretary. A letter was read from Mr. Frant Haut, who resigned from membership on the committee. In his place Mr. Jaromir Psenka, editor of Svornost was elected, so that all three daily papers would have their own representatives on the committee.

Mr. Karel Vopicka sent a letter to Wednesday's meeting of the Home Association, which was also read at the meeting of the committee. Mr. Vopicka is for the effort to provide an old people's home minus an orphanage for the present. He points out that this could be accomplished on the present premises. He also suggested the arrangement of some kind of lottery for the benefit of the undertaking. If there were 30,000 chances at one dollar each, there would be gathered a sum with which something could be accomplished. The communication was accepted and will be made use of by the committee in further activity. Financial and publicity committees were chosen.


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Denni Hlasatel, May 22, 1903.

Mr. Psenka turned in a check for fifty dollars, which was sent by our celebrated singer, Mr. Boza Umirov, and which was accepted with pleasure. The same reception was accorded to Judge Sabath when he turned in a check for seventy-five dollars to complete payment of a pledge of one hundred dollars, and at the same time announcing that he would place a lot valued at from three hundred to four hundred dollars on raffle, the proceeds of which are to go to the home.



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Denni Hlasatel, May 18, 1903.

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UNITED FORCES.

Agitation for the materialization of the old people's home and the orphanage has entered into a new phase. At yesterday's meeting of the friends of these philanthropic undertakings, held in the school on 18th Street, there was elected a committee of fifteen, which is to be of assistance to the committee appointed by the home society, in seeking the best methods for the early realization of the home and orphanage.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 25, 1902.

A GRAND CHRISTMAS GIFT.

The Bohemian Atlas Brewing Company is always in the lead where support of Bohemian nationalistic or humanitarian undertakings are concerned. A check for \$100 as a christmas gift to the Old People's Home, was sent last Tuesday, to the treasurer of the Home, Mr. Vaclav Mlnarik, of 69 West 20th street.

At the present time the Home is the foremost and most important Bohemian undertaking in Chicago and is deserving, in every respect, of the support of all Bohemian firms and individuals. The example of the Atlas Brewing Company ought to find many followers.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 28, 1901.

## MAGNANIMOUS GIFT.

The well known Bohemian brewing company, Atlas, did not neglect to make its customary monetary contribution, of considerable amount, for some honorable purpose. This year, as a Christmas gift, it donated to the Old Peoples Home the sum of \$100, with the hope that this welfare institution should be most to the old people, who will seek and find refuge therein, in the near future. The above mentioned gift was delivered to the Home by Karl Vopicka, President of the Atlas Brewery and member of the Chicago School Board. The Board of Directors of the Home accepted the gift with great pleasure, and will not forget to give whole-hearted thanks, in an appropriate place and time, to the honorable donors whose ranks should grow more rapidly.



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Denni Hlasatel, June 7, 1901.

THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

A magnificent pavillion for our Old People's Home, in the beautiful neighborhood of the National Cemetery, a favorite place visited mostly by Bohemians, and therefore the most suitable, is already assured. The National Cemetery Association, in Wednesday's meeting, took such action as was expected by all reasonable countrymen. It resolved, by an overwhelming majority, to loan to the Home the necessary sum, to enable it to pay Mr. Pregler the purchase price of his property. In this manner relieving the Home of the necessity of seeking a loan from a bank or other financial institution, spending money while doing so and paying high interest rates. The National Cemetery will lose nothing by this, but will gain, because the increased favor of the public will be significant compensation for the slight difference in interest rates.

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The money, which will be loaned, will be secured in safety by the property of the Home. The property of Mr. Pregler, which the Home will acquire, has a value of at least \$60,000, and the National Cemetery Association will receive a first mortgage on this valuable property, for making the loan. It now remains for our public to earnestly endeavor to reduce the indebtedness of the Home, in order that our old people may in a few years be accommodated in a refuge, satisfying all human needs, in the healthful, cheerful and beautiful neighborhood, surrounding the National Cemetery. They should work toward this end as societies and as individuals. Every society among us ought to send a representative to the Home Board, it should be remembered to take up collections for the benefit of the Home, at all entertainments and picnics, the clear receipts of all entertainments should be donated in whole or in part to the treasury of the Home. In this manner we will

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benefit not only our aged and worn countrymen, but the entire nationality. We will have the respect of all reasoning people, when we shall have proven that we care for our aged people, and that we practice a true interest in, and a love for our fellowman.

Whoever honors himself, receives honor from others. This applies to individuals as well as nationalities.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 24, 1901.



THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME NEAR THE BOHEMIAN NATIONAL CEMETERY.

The property of the well known citizen Anton Pregler was bought for it.

The efforts of all countrymen in Chicago to have the home located near the outskirts of Chicago, so that it could be easily reached, were realized yesterday afternoon. The directors of the home, through their fully empowered representatives, Jan Feck and Jan Visko, arranged for the purchase of the property, belonging to the well known countryman Anton Pregler, which is located near the Bohemian National Cemetery.

This change will surely be welcomed by every one with great satisfaction, as the Bensenville, Ill. site for the home, which was located in Du Page county, because of the great distance and bad travel connections did not please anyone. The directors of the home, in the belief, that if the site for the home were closer to Chicago, the entire undertaking would be looked upon more favorably, looked about for a suitable site.



Denni Mlasatel, May 24, 1901.

Anton Pregler offered to sell his property for this purpose, several years ago, asking at that time \$40,000, but as the price asked seemed to be too high, further discussion was held on the matter by the directors in private, until last Thursday, when the directors again began negotiations with Mr. Pregler. He was willing to sell his entire property to the directors of the home for \$32,000, but was unwilling to accept as part payment the property which the home held in Bensenville, Ill. The directors of the home, however, did not allow this objection to defeat their purpose of purchasing a suitable site, and immediately sent Mr. Leck and Mr. Viska to negotiate with Mr. Pregler. It was finally agreed that Mr. Pregler would turn his property over to the home for \$24,000, and in addition he was to receive the Bensenville property of the home, which is valued at about \$9,000.

Wednesday, a special meeting of the board of directors was called and it was decided, unanimously, to accept the offer and buy the property from Mr. Pregler.

Yesterday the deal was closed, and according to it, Anton Pregler, together with his wife, turn their property over to the board of directors of the home and receive for it the "home" property in Bensenville for \$24,000, of which 1,000, each \$500, they donate toward the building funds of the home.

Denni Khasatel, May 24, 1961.

The directors of the home have on hand about 8000, so they need about 13,000 more in order to pay the required amount of the transaction and this they expect to borrow from the National Cemetery to which surely none of the representatives of that body will be opposed.

The home will receive the premises property "as is" with the exception of the personal property of the seller.

The change will assure the success of the home for all lodges and clubs and women's committees will again work with feverish activity, to hurry the final realization of the undertaking.



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Denni Hlasatel, April 20, 1901.

### THE OLD PEOPLES' HOME

Already there has been much complaint about the indifference of our citizens toward the "Home." These complaints were not, and are not, without substantiation. Everywhere, in everything, we see an almost staggering indifference to the undertaking, the importance and benevolence of which are generally recognized, and, which formerly was so enthusiastically and liberally supported. Early improvement is needed for this condition. There are smaller groups of other nationalities here, and they all have homes for their aged poor folk, their own hospitals and orphanages.

We have been preparing over a period of years, for the foundation of a "Home," and now we are worse off in the matter than we were three or four years ago. We are drowsy and indifferent. How much patriotism, charity and generosity there formerly existed among us! How much money Bohemian Americans, especially Chicagoans, have sent to the old country in support of the undertakings and institutions of the national societies! How



Denni Hlasatel, April 20, 1901.

generously we have supported our countrymen, in the old country, whenever they were stricken by some elemental calamity! Now we care about nothing except the most diversified forms of amusement, and at the very most, we decide, at times, upon a manifestation of mutual hatred among ourselves, (between Liberals and Catholics.) On our national field almost all fruitful work has ceased. Almost nothing happens for this reason, however, there is so much more criticism undermining and tearing down. We do not consider this sad condition in our national life as permanent but we cherish the hope, that there will soon be a change for the better. The present lack of interest and dullness is probably only the result of former great drives. We needed a rest, and perhaps we have taken more of it than was really necessary, therefore, let us go to work. Let us remember that we have three undertakings which deserve our fullest support. They are: The "Home for the Aged," the "Orphanage," and the "Singing School for Children." Everyone should have the realization and success of these undertakings at heart, and work for at least one of them at each opportunity. Then, let our public also participate and we shall be able to expect the completion of at least one of our chief undertakings in a short time.



Denni Hlasatel, April 11, 1901.

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**BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLES HOME AND ORPHANAGE.**

That the name of Bohemian immigrants in Chicago may be spoken of with respect when we shall have been for a long time turned back into ashes and dust, depends upon all of us. Everyone of us should work for monuments which will make known to our descendants that we really worked towards the alleviation of the suffering and grief of our countrymen who through unfortunate circumstances were driven upon the rocks where their vessel of happiness and of a satisfactory life was wrecked. By monuments we mean a "home" for our old people and an "orphanage" for Bohemian children. These are two undertakings for the early realization of which every Bohemian should zealously work. Every individual, every society, and every Bohemian club should remember to make collections at every opportunity for the "home" and for the "orphanage" and in this manner help build the most beautiful lasting monument for all of us in common.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 22, 1922.

### DVORAK PARK

Dvorak Park is a center of entertainment not only for our youth, but also for our adult population. Thus, for instance, some of our retired old-timers meet here every afternoon to play a game of cards. Not so long ago, Miss Klefer organized a mother's club which meets here on Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. Our mothers visit the park to recuperate after a hard day's work and to indulge in a bit of gossip. Sometimes they have a dance and drink coffee. All mothers may become members without paying any dues.

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 18, 1920.

PROCLAMATION

To the Bohemian People of North Berwyn

Dear patrons and friends: If we follow the social life in our community which has grown fast during recent years, we notice that we miss one thing--a building that would satisfy our requirements. The Telocvicna Jednota Sokol Oak Park (Gymnastic Association of Oak Park), which always meets the requests of our people and lends its small building for any good cause free of charge, is noticing that the present building does not meet the requirements at this time and is not sufficient for further social activity. Therefore, the Sokol Oak Park appeals to you, our dear patrons and countrymen, for aid in the form of a small monetary loan which would be secured on the building. Such loans would help the Sokol Oak Park to erect a building worthy of us. In its children's classes, our association drills 150 boys and girls who need more space

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for their body and moral development. This is impossible under the prevailing circumstances in the small, unsatisfactory building.

Dear friends! Our old homeland is free because of our efforts and our contributions. Why not contribute toward such a good cause as the development of our youth? You certainly feel happy when you see these youngsters, who are healthy, developing their strong arms during the drill. Calisthenics is recognized by the whole progressive world as the best protection against any sickness. There is no reason why we should not give our children the opportunity, as our great poet Jan Neruda said, to harden themselves until everyone is as hard as a rock, and then our nation will be like a boulder.

If we take into consideration the social life of our community, we must admit that every one of us, no matter who he is, is a social creature. Every one of us, occasionally likes company and entertainment. If such entertainment is held in a roomy and comfortable place, everybody enjoys it. In our

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settlement commonly called Oak Park, which is predominantly settled by Czechoslovaks and where nearly all of us own our own homes, such a small loan, which would be used for the erection of a public building, would not hurt us, but would only be to our advantage.

If we look at our near-by Bohemian settlements--"Czech California" or Cicero or even our Bohemian settlement in the south part of Berwyn--we must notice that each settlement has several public buildings and that the social life in those communities is improving. We know from experience that everybody likes to live in such a settlement. Because of this, the valuation of property is increasing. There is no reason why we should wait when there is a chance to develop our settlement by means of a small loan.

Three years have passed since our association tried to unite and co-operate with all the other Bohemian societies in order to erect a new building. But

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our efforts were not fully understood at that time, and now we are forced to ask our people for aid. But we hope that with the support of our people we will be able to erect a building which will do honor to us all.

Therefore, we appeal to you, our dear patrons and countrymen, and we especially appeal to our societies to help us in this task in order that we will be able to accommodate you better when you hold your meetings and entertainments. We extend our gratitude for your past favors, and we ask you to consider this proclamation when our committee calls on you.

For the Telocvicna Jednota Sokol Oak Park,

The Finance Committee.

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FORMER BOHEMIAN SOCIETIES BUILDING TRANSFORMED  
INTO BOYS CLUB HOUSE

The former Ladimír Klácel Hall, at 19th and Leavitt Streets, which was one of the oldest Bohemian societies' buildings, soon will be transformed into a clubhouse for boys of that neighborhood. Many years ago, at the time the building was erected, it was recognized as an urgent necessity for the growing Bohemian settlement called "U Vápenek" (By the Limestone Quarry). However, in the course of time, the stream of our Bohemian population began to turn in other directions, especially westward, where the new, large Bohemian settlement, Česká Kalifornie (the Bohemian California), was growing up. The settlement "U Vápenek" ceased to be the Bohemian center. The trustees of the Ladimír Klácel Hall, who struggled with unfavorable fate for a long time, could not meet the payments and pay the interest regularly. Finally, the unavoidable happened and the building had to be sold. A few years ago the Ladimír Klácel Hall was sold to a



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certain Polish-American citizen and in a short time  
Ladimir Alacel's bust disappeared from the front of the building and was  
replaced by the bust of Chopin; from then on the building was known as  
the Chopin Hall. It appears that it was a losing proposition even for  
the new owner, as a dance hall, for recently it was reported that the  
building was turned over to the Union League Club and will be conducted  
as a center for boys from 7 to 17 years of age.

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Bernard Bernstein, M. D.,

TO BUILD A COMMUNITY HOUSE

Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and others in the district, especially from West 12th Street, are urgently inviting the people of the neighborhood to take steps for the erection of a community house on the site of the old mill, under the direction of the Patriarch (Pastor), of the Church of the Holy Spirit Society. The old street on the corner of the mill has been closed for many years. Czech citizens of the district have already stated their willingness to provide the funds for the start of the work. Their interest is very great, for it comes from sincere hearts. Dr. Bernard Bernstein, M. D., of 1801 South Main Avenue, is among those who offered to help create an initial building fund. His contribution is the largest, and the first to be received. Many of the businessmen mentioned above have promised to subscribe larger amounts and to extend loans of several hundred dollars each.

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FOR A SLOVAK NATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER

(Summary)

The National Slovak Court, which comprises almost all the Slovak organizations of Chicago and a long list of individual workers from the circles of our brothers from the Tatra districts, met in the Pilsen Auditorium last night for its annual gathering. The initial foundations were laid there for a project which promises far-reaching results for the further development of social life of the Slovak colony in Chicago.

The main point of discussion was the proposed purchase of the Pilsen Auditorium building, which is being offered to the Slovak united societies

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at favorable terms. The negotiations are making rapid progress, so that the Slovaks will soon possess their own home and social center, the lack of which they have keenly felt, up to the present time.

Most of the Slovak organizations, as for instance, the Slovak National Association, Union of Slovaks from the Tatra [mountains], Slovak Evangelical Society, various Slovak Sokol groups, and Slovak singing societies belong to the Slovak National Court. The founders of these are accredited Slovak patriotic workers throughout.

Cultural and social activities play an extensive part in Slovak life. Our Slovak brothers have repeatedly given proof of this by their impressive demonstrations and by enthusiastic co-operation with the Czechs since the

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beginning of the war. What the Slovaks needed was a regular community center, their own national home.

The National Slovak Court owns valuable property on Union and Canalport Avenues, which, however, does not fill the demand. It is more of a private house, merely a good investment. The project finally centered on the Lilsen Auditorium where a Czech bazaar was once held. The aid society, Bořivoj, its owner, is offering it at fifty-five thousand dollars, a reasonable price, and the society is willing to take the Slovak Court's property on Union Avenue as part payment to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, at which it is appraised.

As far as the delegates are concerned, the idea of purchasing the Lilsen Auditorium is accepted with much favor. The transaction itself depends upon

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CZECHO-SLAVONIC UNION HALL

An exposition of beautiful and useful objects, such as handwork, suitable for Christmas gifts is being held at 1436-40 West 18th Street under the auspices of the trustees of the Czecho-Slovanska Americka Sin (Czecho-Slavonic American Hall). This fair will come to a close today, and it is expected that friends and sympathizers will appear in great numbers this last day.

The group of trustees is composed of representatives of various Czecho-Slavonic societies. Entertainment will be presented this evening, which will include a contest for the gold ensign of the Prvni Vstredni Jednota (First Central Union). The admission will be only ten cents.

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#### ACTIVITIES IN DVORAK PARK

All Bohemian servant girls are advised that instructions in the English language and singing in Dvorak Park, on May and 20th Streets, will begin tomorrow, Sunday, November 29. The singing teacher is Miss Albina Sladek. She will hold classes every Sunday afternoon from 5 to 6 P. M. Misses Rose M. Prucha and Julia D. Pollak, both candidates for teachers' positions in grammar schools, will conduct the English classes every Sunday from 6 to 8:30 P. M. The Park management invites all Bohemian servant girls to take advantage of this opportunity and urges them to come every Sunday. In addition to social contacts and entertainment, Dvorak Park affords an opportunity for the girls to learn the English language, an accomplishment that will help them a great deal in this country.

Every Saturday there will be singing classes for young people from fourteen to sixteen years of age. These will be conducted by the music and vocal teacher,

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Mr. Adolf Ernst, from 2 to 3 P. M. Enroll today! The lessons are absolutely free of charge.

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This is to announce that the orchestras in Světlá Park will be taking in boys and girls as new members. Membership in these orchestras is limited to children who have had at least two years of musical instruction.

The advanced orchestras will be taking in more mature musicians who play any instrument, including the piano. There is no expense connected with membership in these orchestras. You may apply every Monday evening after seven o'clock.

Applications for membership in the Park singing club for men and women will be received every Thursday after 7 p.m.

The music director of the Park is our well-known conductor, Mr. Adolf Ernst. He is one of the oldest Bohemian professional musicians. Apply directly to him or the Park director at the specified times.

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#### OPENING OF SCHOOLS IN THE BOHEMIAN SETTLEMENT

The enrollment in schools which will be opened in the Bohemian Settlement at 1831 South Center Avenue next week is taking place these days. Apply there any day this week between 9 A. M. and 9 P. M. and indicate what class you want to attend.

The English night school for adults will hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays for beginners and advanced students. Instruction will start on the first Thursday in October. The sewing school and the cooking school classes for girls of school age will be held every afternoon at 4 o'clock, and for older girls at 7:30 P. M. The singing school for both children and adults will be held on Mondays from 4 to 5 P. M. under the leadership of expert teachers. The Bohemian literary school will be conducted on Fridays from 4 to 5 P. M. The gymnastic school with separate classes for boys and girls will meet twice a week.

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In the Cesky Dum (Bohemian House) at 2324 South Central Park Avenue, a singing school for children and adults will open shortly. For additional information and enrollment, come to the House between 6 and to 9 P. M. daily. The singing school will be under the direction of J. Maly, director of the Cesko-Delnicky Pevecky Sbor (Bohemian workingmen's Singing Society). Here a sewing school for girls will also be conducted with classes on Saturdays from 2 to 4 P. M. Enroll early while places are still available.

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NEW BOHEMIAN SETTLEMENT DEDICATED  
Two Meetings Yield \$2,500 in Contributions

The two celebrations which were held yesterday afternoon and evening in the new Bohemian Settlement on Center Street were attended by a multitude of people who came to witness the dedication ceremonies and to inspect the interior arrangements of the building.

The afternoon dedication ceremonies were conducted in the English language and presided over by Reverend John Timothy Stone, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church to which the elite of Chicago society belong. The musical portion of the program consisted of two selections presented by the Bohemian Settlement Girls' Singing Society; one selection was sung in Bohemian, the other in English. In his speech Dr. Stone eulogized the Bohemians as a nation of intrepid fighters for religious freedom. In the field of music, he said, they cannot be surpassed by any nation in the whole world. He talked about his church community men's club which



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consists of eight hundred members who arrange a number of evening entertainments every year with artistic programs, each featuring the music, dances, handicraft, and other accomplishments of one particular nation; and during the last two years the Bohemian night attracted a larger attendance than that of any other people.

Dr. Shaw, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church on Michigan Avenue, who described our Reverend V. Vanek as one of the great workers among the Bohemian people, was the second speaker on the afternoon program. The third speaker, Dr. Edgar P. Hill, in an elaborate speech expressed his pleasure on the successful conclusion of the work connected with the establishment of the beautiful new Settlement.

The Bohemian dedication ceremonies took place in the evening. A most delightful musical program was given by the Bohemian House Mixed Quartet--Mr. Fiser, Miss El. Hoffman, Mrs. J. F. Smetanka and tenor Mr. Hurt, for whose lovely solo the Bohemian poet, Mr. A. Havranek,



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composed the words. All three musical selections were rendered with delicate skill and artistic understanding.

The formal dedicatory sermon, which by its profundity of thought made a great impression upon the audience, was delivered by Reverend Barta of Dubuque, Iowa. The meeting was also addressed by Reverend V. Backora, director of the Slavonic Settlement in Gary, Indiana; and Reverend Miloslav Filipi of Tyndall, South Dakota. The evening meeting was presided over by Reverend V. Vanek.

The collection of contributions taken up both in the afternoon and evening meetings yielded about \$2,500, so that the total debt on the building, which cost over \$46,000, is not more than \$7,000.

Tonight Dr. Barta will speak on the topic, "Bohemians in America". Admission is free. The series of ceremonial events will come to a close tomorrow night with a meeting of the Bohemian Evangelical Congregations of Chicago, at which the pastors present will be the speakers.



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#### OPENING OF BOHEMIAN SETTLEMENT

Many Prominent Persons from All Parts of City Attend

Yesterday at half past 3 o'clock the new Bohemian Settlement on Center Avenue in our Bohemian Pilsen district was opened to the public. It is a beautiful structure built at a cost of \$46,000 which includes the real estate, furniture, and equipment. The building occupies two lots, totaling 50 by 100 feet. The third adjoining lot is reserved for a children's playground to be equipped at a cost of \$1,500. The Settlement was built by the ladies of Presbyterian churches of Chicago who are united in the Women's Presbyterial Society. The principal credit for the erection of the Settlement belongs to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. B. Howell of Evanston, who devoted a great deal of energy to the solicitation of contributions and devoted much care to the furnishings of the Settlement. The building has two stories. The basement contains a gymnasium covering an area of 50 by 100 feet, and an electric washing machine which will be available to the neighborhood women. The first floor contains a large assembly hall, a dispensary, a reading room, and an office. The second floor is divided into several schoolrooms, a kindergarten, a sewing room, cooking





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school, and two music rooms. On the third floor are living quarters for those who will work in the Settlement, and there is room for eleven employees. The rooms are modern throughout, tastefully furnished, and electrically lighted, and all those present agreed that the new Bohemian Settlement House surpasses all buildings of its kind in Chicago.

The afternoon ceremonies were opened by the Rubenstein Ladies' Singing Society of Austin. The Society has sixteen members and Miss Ida Belle Freeman is its director. The speakers included Mrs. A. G. Beebe, Miss Helen I. Duncan, who is in charge of the Settlement work, and Professor J. J. Zmrhal. Mrs. C.D.B. Howell of Evanston acted as chairman of the afternoon ceremonies.

The evening meeting was opened at 8 o'clock by the chairman, Reverend G. B. Safford. Among the speakers were the well-known director of the University of Chicago Settlement, Miss Mary McDowell; Mr. Howell; and Judge Joseph Z. Uhler, all of whom presented spirited, enthusiastic talks. Miss McDowell spoke about her impressions of Prague and experiences during her visit to



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Bohemia. A large part of her talk was devoted to such famous Bohemians as Jan Amos Komensky and Jan Hus; and she stressed the fact that these men do not belong to the Bohemian nation alone, but to all humanity, to the whole world, and should be held in the highest esteem and honored by all people, no matter to what nationality they may belong--just as much as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln do not belong to the American people, but to the entire human race. Further she pointed out that the rights of immigrants should always be respected; otherwise this country will have to pay a heavy penalty. Chicago is a great cosmopolitan city, and we should always bear in mind the fact that we are one great family. She concluded her talk by urging the Bohemian youth to respect Bohemian history, the language of their parents, the achievements of Bohemian people in musical and creative arts; and to realize that all these advantages now belong to Chicago, since Chicago is now the home of our youth.

In his speech Judge Uhlir discussed the value of the work which is being done by various settlements in Chicago and paid a merited tribute to their



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workers who gladly give any kind of assistance to our youth, help them in getting an education, and promote their well-being and happiness, no matter to what political party, religious group, or nationality they may belong. Such settlements are located throughout the city, but this is the first Bohemian Settlement in America and deserves full support for its humanitarian work.

The Judge showed no mercy in his criticism of large department stores for requiring their employees, particularly young girls, to work twelve or more hours a day for starvation wages; and he enlarged upon the desirability of establishing a large farm where men who are incorrigible in the neglect of their families would be put to work. Those assembled showed their agreement with the speaker by frequent applause.

The musical selections on the program were presented by Miss Edith Jones and Mr. Wm. F. Hynes. Both the afternoon and evening meetings had a large



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attendance. There were guests present from all parts of the city, many of whom came in their own automobiles.

Today there will be a concert in the Settlement with free admission to which the Bohemian public is cordially invited.

The official dedication of the building will take place on Sunday in an appropriate ceremony. In the afternoon there will be a meeting for the English-speaking people with Dr. John Timothy Stone, Dr. J. B. Shaw, and Dr. Edgar P. Hill as speakers. The evening is reserved for a Bohemian meeting at which Dr. Barta of Dubuque, Iowa, will be the principal speaker.

The Austrian consul of Baltimore sent a telegram to Reverend V. Vanek on the occasion of the opening of the Settlement, reading: "Accept my congratulations on the opening of the Bohemian Settlement. May the House render most useful service and crown your work with complete success."



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### BOHEMIAN SETTLEMENT BUILDING

The celebration of the opening of the Bohemian Settlement Building at 18th Street and Center Avenue will take place next week. The festivities will be held next Thursday and Sunday, both afternoon and evening. The Thursday afternoon program includes a talk by Professor J. J. Zmrhal and presentations by Miss Helen I. Duncan, Mrs. A. G. Beebe, and the Austin Choral Society. For the evening, speeches by Judge Joseph Z. Uhler, Mr. C. D. B. Howell, and Miss McDowell are scheduled. These will be followed by musical selections. Sunday night the Bohemian ceremony will take place with Reverend V. Vanek as the main speaker.

The cost of the new Settlement Building is \$31,000. In addition to this, \$11,000 has been spent for the adjoining three lots which are used as a playground. The equipment for the latter will cost another \$1,500. To meet these costs there is already an amount of \$34,677 available, so that the establishment will start its functions with a comparatively small indebtedness which



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no doubt will soon be paid up. Perhaps it is also of interest to know that the running expenses will amount to \$8,000 a year.



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## THE NEW BUILDING OF THE "ČESKÝ SETTLEMENT"

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page, view of new building/

"Česká Plzeň" (Bohemian Pilsen) will soon have one more beautiful building. It is the new building of the "Český (Bohemian) Settlement" on Center Avenue. It will be completed in the very near future, but the work inside the building will not be finished for another three months. It is being built by our well-known contractor, Mr. Matěj Strnad, according to the plans of Architect H. B. Wheelock. The building covers two lots (44 by 100 feet), and another lot adjacent to the building (25 by 100 feet) will be used as a children's playground. The entire lot is 79 by 100 feet and cost \$11,500. The building will cost \$30,000 and furnishings \$2,000. The ground was paid for by a lady who does not want her name to be published. Until now, \$19,500 has been raised, so that an additional \$11,000 for the building and \$2,000 for furnishings and equipment is still needed.

When completed, the building will have three stories and an English basement.

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IV laundry to be used by poor women of the neighborhood, a gymnasium  
40 by 53 feet for both boys and girls of the neighborhood, and bath-  
rooms with showers.

In the front part of the first floor there will be an office, a reading room, and a clinic where a number of physicians, both men and women, will hold consultations and give treatments to the poor. In the rear there will be a hall for lectures, sermons, etc.

The second floor will house a kindergarten 24 by 40 feet, behind which there will be a music hall and a cooking school.

On the third floor, in addition to a kitchen and a large dining hall, there will be ten rooms for the Settlement workers' quarters.

The Bohemian Settlement in the Pilsen district is known for its successful

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III A Humanitarian work. It is beehive of activity of a social and religious nature, and its principal aim will be moral and social uplift for families living in the neighborhood.

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In its present temporary quarters, the Bohemian Settlement houses a number of classes and clubs which are affiliated with the Settlement. Seventy children attend the kindergarten, 90 girls attend the cooking school, 250 children the Sunday school, and the English evening classes are attended by 75 boys and girls. It is also the meeting place for two womens' clubs. Every Wednesday night there is a Bohemian lecture with stereopticon slides, every Sunday night a Bohemian sermon. Twice a week music and singing classes are held. Several girls' clubs and one boys' club meet there. Twice a week the dispensary is open with several physicians in charge. There is also the Penny Savings Club in which eighty Bohemian children save their pennies.

The temporary quarters of the Bohemian Settlement are at 1827 South Center Avenue. They accommodate forty meetings every week, with an average

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attendance of 1,308 persons. Reverend Václav Vaněk is in charge of the religious activities of the Settlement. Since his arrival in Chicago two years ago, these activities have assumed tremendous proportions.

The moving spirit behind the Settlement work is Miss Helen I. Duncan, who is assisted by Mrs. Emilie Baumruck, Miss Alice Rowell, and a number of other helpers. The Bohemian Settlement has saved many children of Bohemian and other nationalities from physical and moral ruin and has returned them to their mothers after the children left their homes. Morally and financially the Bohemian Settlement has helped many a family in the Pilsen district where there are so many neglected children loitering in the streets. Its activities will become a real blessing for the district if the management succeeds in learning to understand the spirit of the Bohemian people, and if the Settlement remains a Bohemian institution.

The new building of the Settlement is being paid for by ladies of the Chicago

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III A      Womens' Presbyterian Society, whose purpose is the promotion of  
IV          Christian social service. Mr. Howell of Evanston is largely re-  
             sponsible for the success in collecting funds for the Settlement.

The house will be a real Russ (John Rus) house, and all its service will  
be in the spirit of the teaching and spirit of love.

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Denní Hlasatel, Oct. 13, 1912.

THE WORK WITH YOUTH IN SVATOPLUK ČECH PARK

The administration of Svatopluk Čech Park, is notifying parents that the work with children inside the park building will begin tomorrow, October 14. The gymnasiums for both boys and girls will be open from 3:30 to 9:30 P. M. The hours for school children are from 3:30 to 6 P. M., for employed youths, 7 to 9 P. M. The gymnastic teacher for the boys is Mr. Frát. Zettek whose experience guarantees that he will train the boys in all that is beneficial for their health. Boys nine years old and up are admitted. The age of admission for girls is the same. They will be taught various healthful exercises, steps, and drills by Miss Snevely, and they will drill to the piano accompaniment of Miss M. Petru.

Children under nine years of age will also be taken care of. They will have a large room of their own, directed by Miss Goldsmith, who will play with them and keep an eye on them daily from 3 to 5 P. M.

Every Saturday from 2 to 3 P. M., children of eight years and up will be

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taught Bohemian folk songs by Mr. Liška of the Conservatory of Music of Prague. All instruction is absolutely free of charge. We therefore urge parents not to miss the opportunity of sending their children to the Park as soon as they return from school. They will be much better taken care of than if they were on the streets where there is constant danger.....

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THE SOKOL HAVLIČEK-TYRŠ GYMNASIUM  
DEDICATION CEREMONIES

The gymnasium of Sokol Havliček-Tyrš on Lawndale Avenue and 26th Street was dedicated yesterday. It is a dignified headquarters for this society belonging to the Fugner-Tyrš Sokol Circuit. The festivities were attended by a remarkable number of sokols and friends of this Society.

Blues and Grays were present, thereby indicating that the festivity was considered a holiday not only by members of Sokol Havliček-Tyrš, but by all sokols who are striving to achieve mutual unity.

The afternoon program provided not only beautiful enjoyment, but an abundance of the finest entertainment.

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The festivity was both a moral and financial success, which was, of course, to the credit of the arrangements committee.

It was a select program and was carried out beautifully from beginning to end. The festival began with a lively march beautifully rendered by Šolar's Band. Then the president, Mr. Vlach, welcomed the guests and gave a brief history of this monumental building which has now been turned over to the Czech people. At the conclusion of his speech, he was given the keys to the building by the architect Mr. Novy.....

The overture "František Palacký" was then played by Filipovský's Band, after which, Dr. Jaroslav E. S. Vojan, the principal speaker of the occasion, appeared and in a well-planned speech called attention to the

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IV            purposes this monumental headquarters is to serve; he described the remarkable generosity and daring enterprise of the Society in building such a beautiful and costly structure. He expressed the hope that the building, which is in all probability the largest Czech hall in America, would soon be completely finished. His words were received with great enthusiasm.

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The Sokol Havliček-Tyrš Hall is the largest we have here. It is three hundred square feet larger than the hall of Sokol Chicago, but it has no galleries. A remarkable piece of architecture is carried out here, in that the ceiling over this gigantic hall is unsupported by any column and nothing interrupts the view in the hall.

A spacious stage, with complete and modern equipment, enhances the beauty of the hall. There are also cloak rooms, dining rooms, barrooms, kitchens,



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dressng rooms, etc. When the two wings of the building have been constructed, it will actually be the largest Czech hall in

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Donní Blasko, Dec. 18, 1911.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF THE CZECH AMERICAN SOCIETY

WILL BEYOND A DOUBT BE PLEASED



The opening of the renovated hall of Hotel Chicago was celebrated in a dignified manner by our Česká Kolonie (Czech American District) yesterday afternoon. This celebration deserves to be ranked as one of the finest arranged by us in recent times. The program was very brilliant and dignified and will surely add to the credit and honor of the Program Committee.

The festivities were begun with the playing of the "March of the Militators" by Juřany's Band. Following this the orchestra played the overture "Light Cavalry" by Suppe. Both numbers were received with thunderous applause.

The Český Dělnický Lůvecký Sbor (Czech American Workers' Chorus Society),

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under the direction of Mr. John Kalaš, then sang "Ó, Hory, Hory V Křhavé Dáli" (Oh Mountains, Mountains In The Hazy Distance). After this Mr. V. Roubal, president of Sokol Chicago, appeared and briefly but heartily welcomed the guests. He said, "We invited you here, so that we could give you the opportunity to see the project of our dreams, a project which in itself is worthy of your favor. That project, about which we had doubts, upon which we looked with unbelief, is today a reality. All obstacles have been overcome. That entire difficult task has been carried out. Today there stands here a representative building, in which, in the future, our youth is to be educated, where the dramatic arts are to be developed, where physical culture and the Sokol idea are to be propagated. No one knows with what obstacles and difficulties we had to contend. Nevertheless, today all our efforts are crowned with success and I turn this hall over to you with the request that all of you continue to favor Sokol Chicago in the future as you have in the past. I thank you for your generous participation and



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I hope that we shall often meet under this roof."



These heartfelt words were re-echoed by the audience, which expressed its approval by thunderous applause.

The representative of the Narodní Jednota Sokolská (National Sokol Union), Mr. Layer, then appeared and with enthusiastic words gave recognition for a magnificent undertaking not only in the name of the Narodní Jednota Sokolská and the Czechs of Chicago, but also in the name of all the Czech people in America.

The audience was then addressed by the instructor of the Central Sokol Circuit, Mr. Stýblo, who also gave enthusiastic recognition for the entire undertaking. He said that the hall will surely become a center for Czech intelligentsia, which will be the greatest reward for the enterprise and sacrifice of Sokol Chicago.

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Mr. Novy, the architect under whose supervision the construction of the hall was carried out, heartily greeted the people, and gave a brief description of the structure. One thousand seats can be placed in the main hall easily, and the gallery will hold four hundred additional seats. The gallery is provided with four safety and fire exits. The stage is modeled after the example of the most modern theaters. All scenery is raised and lowered mechanically. The dressing rooms are comfortably and modernly equipped. Under the main hall is a spacious dining room where four hundred persons can be accommodated comfortably. A kitchen is located here which is equipped with a gas range, two bar rooms, a cloak room, toilets, etc., all built to comply with existing city health and safety ordinances. Fronting the street is an assembly hall for lodges. It is furnished with all modern conveniences, is well-lighted and perfectly ventilated. It should be added that beneath the hall the central heating plant is located, containing the finest boilers which render remarkable service.



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Then followed a tableau, "Nas Ucel" (Our Goal), which was arranged by Mr. Bareš. The tableau was beautiful. It was a pity, however, that the lighting effects were not properly carried out as this was to no little disadvantage.



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The orchestra ended the program with a splendid rendition of "Slavonic Dances" by Dvořák.

The evening program was no less beautiful and was participated in by such well-known vocal and dramatic artists as Mrs. Frýdl, Mrs. Ružička, Messrs. Keclík, Šulc, and Hofreiter, all of whom were rewarded with a storm of applause for their performances.

We do not believe it necessary to give a more minute description of this magnificent hall, because we feel certain that sooner or later every countryman will vist this new building, which is today without

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in Chicago but in all Bohemian-America.



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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 6, 1911.

NEW BUILDING OF SOKOL KAREL HAVLICEK

(Summary)

The article shows a reproduction of the original drawing of the building as it will appear at some future time when the organization's finances permit the completion of the building according to the plans finally adopted.

This society was organized more than six years ago and the membership now consists of over two hundred men and eighty women. The plans for the new building were drawn up by the architect Mr. Novy and the estimate for its construction is \$49,000. The society hesitated to contract so large a debt and it was decided to change the plans somewhat. Temporarily the right and left wings of the building will not be constructed. The cost of the building is thereby reduced to \$35,000. The wings will be added when finances permit.

The hall will measure 90 x 80 feet; the stage will be 38 feet wide and



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20 feet deep. At the sides will be the cloak room, dressing room, toilets, barroom, kitchen, and living quarters for the caretaker. Everything will be modern.

Contracts for the construction work were awarded as follows: masonry and brick work, to Frank Pitra for \$12,800; carpenter work, Joseph Pastur for \$6,300; iron work, M. J. Strnad & Son for \$4,912; plumbing, water and gas, to Frank J. Tichy for \$2,830; cornice work, to John Eiselt for \$1,475; painting and varnishing, to Joseph Hosna for \$375.

The article carries a long list of organizations and individuals who purchased bonds of the building.

The building committee has the following assets to its credit: on deposit with the "Budovcnost" Building and Loan Association \$3,106. Loan on note of the Building & Loan Association \$1,400. Cash on hand \$626.25. Four lots on Lawndale Ave., \$3,500. Private loan \$3,350. Total \$11,982.25.

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Members of the Board of Directors are: Frank Vlach, president; Fr. Zeman, chairman building committee; R. Cermak, secretary building committee; J. Jakoubek, financial secretary; J. Matousek, treasurer; R. Krametbauer, J. Stech, J. Tuma, V. Velan, J. Raska, J. Smid, and F. Prochazka.

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Denni Masatel, June 23, 1911.

THE FOUNTAIN OF AMERICA

Societies and Individuals, who contributed something toward  
Sokol Chicago's New Hall, are assured that tidings about  
them will be preserved for future descendants.

The building committee of Sokol Chicago has done everything possible to furnish Bohemian California with a gymnasium and hall that would satisfy all modern requirements. From plans, according to which the construction will be carried out, it is seen that it will be one of the finest Bohemian halls in America. Provisions will be made so that not only the Sokols will find it one of the best-equipped gymnasiums, but so that amateur players will have a stage which will enable them to suitably appear before the public. Other Bohemian lodges will also have headquarters in the building. Even the lodges with large memberships will be able to hold their meetings and satisfy all prescribed rituals there.



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The interior fittings of the hall and lodge rooms will be luxurious and supplemented with dignity by the strong, joyful impression called forth by the enormous building.

In brief, the Sokol Chicago Hall will be such that not only the Sokol, but all Bohemian California, all Bohemian Chicago, will be proud of it. It is an enormous undertaking and will cost about \$45,000.

Sokol Chicago does not have such great means but it is depending upon other Bohemian societies and our generous countrymen, who recognizing to what advantage and to what honor the new building will serve all Bohemian people, surely will not withhold their aid from so deserving and undertaking.

This hall will become the focus of Bohemian life: it will become the center of our national efforts; in it sokols, amateurs, and societies will



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look after the preservation of our adolescents for the Bohemian people; it will cultivate Bohemian culture and the Bohemian language. Whoever is concerned about these things, let them give a helping hand towards their realization.

A building, so sturdily constructed as the Sokol Chicago Hall will be, will bring the glory of the Bohemian name to future generations. In the cornerstone, which will be laid on June 26, the history, societies and individuals who acquired some merit in service for the Sokol building, will be preserved as future elements of Sokol Chicago and the local Bohemian community. Those societies that would like to have their memorial notes placed in the cornerstone should not delay but should apply immediately. Everyone, be it an individual or a society, who contributes for the construction of the building will be entered on the memorial paper that will be placed in the cornerstone just before it is laid. Those who still wish to make a contribution may do so in the



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clothing establishment at 14th and Beach at Twenty-second  
and Troy Streets. The office will be at this address during  
the entire period of construction.



Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 27, 1906.

THE BOHEMIAN-CATHOLIC HALL SPONSORS

P.9--The minutes of the meeting held on January 3, 1906 by the Sponsors of the Bohemian-Catholic hall. The meeting was brought to order by brother chairman V. Beranek at the regular time, with a prayer and in the presence of all officers and a large attendance of representatives. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without change. The excuse of representative brother, Jos. Kalina, that he is ill and unable to attend, was accepted. The committee on arrangements for the sponsors' fair made a report, in which it announced, that it had everything duly arranged and provided for. The report was accepted. After that a sub-committee, for the fair, was elected. Those elected were: Mat. Tintera and Fr. Japek, to operate the wheels-of-fortune; Jos. Wrazek and V. Rezab, cashiers at the bar; Ant. Brychta and Vac. Lhotak, "Under the Green" Vac. Hessler, to assist at the wheel. The ladies accepted to represent the committee for candy and sweets. Other committees are to be selected from the members of the society. Vac. Beranek and Vac. Krizek were appointed as representatives of the Sponsors, to attend a meeting of St. Oldrich, court of Catholic Foresters, because the court desired some form of oral explanation.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 27, 1906.

The receipts of this meeting amounted to \$22.50, from Jos. Krazek, for chance-tickets sold. Disbursements none. The treasurer has on hand \$16.76. There being no further business to transact, the chairman brought the meeting to a close with a prayer.

V. Krizek, Secretary.

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Svornost, May 8, 1882.

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[SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF IMMIGRANT ORGANIZED]

The Society for the protection of Bohemian immigrants has finally been organized in Chicago. Whether it will actually function at the proper time, is another question. At the meeting held May 5th, at which there was present a total of fifteen persons, there was elected a board of directors, consisting of three members; also a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer were elected. Thus far there 71 Chicagoans and 2 out-of-town applicants for membership.

"Pokrok Zapadu" (Progress of the West) is earnestly interested in bringing the society to life and successful activity, and is urging our countrymen settled in the west to join the Chicago society (for the protection of Bohemian immigrants) in large numbers, and to support to their utmost its honorable purpose and effort.

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Svornost March 27, 1882.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF BOHEMIAN IMMIGRANTS



A meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the hall of the Bohemian American Sokol, for the purpose of organizing a society for the protection of Bohemian immigrants. Forty-five citizens were present. Mr. Fr. Kaspar called the meeting to order and Mr. Ed. Uhlir was elected chairman; Mr. Kralovec Jr. was elected secretary.

After several motions, which did not reach a vote, citizen L. W. Kadlec, moved that the chairman appoint nine Chicago citizens as a committee, this committee to take charge of the matter as it now stands, organize themselves into a solid body and make plans for future development; then call a public meeting where steps would be taken for their fulfillment.

Mr. Chairman Uhlir is to exercise care in naming men who are capable and familiar with the matter, and who have the confidence of the public. Mr. Kralovec added that other nationalities, having such societies in existence should investigate and our committee of nine make a report on their activities. Let our society be patterned along the lines of whichever one of the various organizations is recognized as the most suitable. The motion being accepted, the meeting was adjourned.

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Donni Wasatel, June 29, 1901.

BENJAMIN KORN AND TRAFFIC INTO SLAVE-LAND

P.S.--A certain Jacob H. Wasatel, a Pole, of 607 West 14th Street in-  
serted in the newspaper some time ago an advertisement reading as follows:  
"Wanted, Two hundred men to work in our best fields in Michigan. Fa-  
milies preferred. Transportation free both ways. Can be shipped from Chicago  
to-day and Monday. For particulars apply at 187 West 14th Street  
between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Jas. Wasatel." The advertisement gives such  
an impression of reliability that no one would suspect that there was a catch  
in it. And yet according to several communications received from North Branch,  
Michigan, written by fellow-countrymen of ours who answered Wasatel's ad-  
vertisement and were sent to Michigan, veritable slavery exists: those who re-  
port for work. We consider it our duty to print the essence of one of these  
letters as a warning to all our compatriots. We believe that it would be a  
good idea to send some one out to the to investigate conditions and report  
before the rest of the clan decides to leave home. An excerpt of the com-  
plaint follows:

"We are being treated worse than slaves. Those who will not work for thirty-

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Denni Hlasatel, June 20, 1905.

five cents an hour for thirteen hours in succession, not a thing to eat the next day. When it rains, and there is no work in the fields, the employers telephone to the stores, and when we come to buy, our credit is cut off, for the entire village has been built by the company and is dependant on it. On these days no store will sell us any goods even for ready cash. And so we are starving here. We request the editor to publish this to keep our fellow-countrymen from coming to the State of Michigan and falling into this trap, where there is nothing but hunger and toil. When we get back to Chicago, we will relate the rest of our experiences. Kindly publish only the initials of our names, which are given in full below."

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 12, 1904.

SERVANT GIRLS ATTENTION:

We have one-hundred jobs with Bohemian and English families. Bohemian and Slovak girls will be placed in these jobs regardless whether they have just arrived or have been in this country for some time. Apply to Mrs. Kantner and Vitk at 774 West 12th Street, between Paulina and Wood Streets. Tel. Loomis 171.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 12, 1922.

FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGIONNAIRE CAUSE

The central committee to collect funds for invalid Czechoslovak Legionnaires, operating in Chicago and vicinity, held a regular meeting last Tuesday, December 5, 1922. The meeting was well attended by the officers of district committees. The only committee not fully operating is that of Oak Park, Illinois; it will be organized today, and our treasurer, Mr. Josef Placek, will tell the members how to proceed.....All other committees are operating; some of them turned their collections over to our treasurer as follows: Bohemian California and Lawndale, \$459.60; Merigold (Novy Tabor), \$250; Town of Lake, \$177.25. The Town of Lake committee also reported that a Bohemian coal and ice company gave \$200 to the cause.

Since this money-collecting activity has been misused by some individuals who have collected certain sums without any right to do so, and have, consequently, not issued any receipts to contributors, our daily newspapers are to be asked to publish a warning against these impostors. Should any unknown collector

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call and make requests for contributions he should produce his credentials upon request, and issue the regularly approved receipt for each contribution. These receipts were approved by the national committee located in Cleveland, Ohio.

The report that our Bohemian dailies are willing to publish the names of contributors and the amounts contributed was gratefully received. By doing so the Czech dailies will save some expense for the organization. The district committees are hereby requested to return the filled collection booklets [lists] as soon as possible so that the newspapers may begin publishing the names of all contributors.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 10, 1922.

CHICAGO IS DOING ITS DUTY FOR THE CZECHO-  
SLOVAK LEGIONNAIRES

[Abstract]

The central committee in charge of all collections to be made for the fund to aid the Czechoslovak Legionnaires and the widows and orphans of Czechoslovak Legionnaires is pleased to announce that this cause found great sympathy among the Czechoslovak people of Chicago and vicinity....The present state of this action gives us hope that its results will be most gratifying. It is imperative that this be so, for the coming winter will bring with it misery and want. The success of this affair will divert such misery from the threshold of these sufferers. It is true that besides the Legionnaires there are many similarly afflicted and needy people among our countrymen, but these are being taken care of by the various charitable and benevolent organizations whose work it is to comfort the poor. And yet, even their means are rather limited. Therefore, it is our duty not to increase their burden by asking them to care for the Czechoslovak Legionnaires and the families of those who fell in battle. It is our duty to do all

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we can to bring aid to these people. It is the sad bequest which our revolution-  
arywar left to us. But without these Legionnaires we could never have won our  
independence; it is they who now look to us for aid.

Let us not grumble because "there are collections for this and collections for  
that, and there is no end to these collections". War invalids are everywhere;  
they may be found in every country, even among the citizens of powerful and well-  
established nations.....No! Our people, who in times of great need were always  
ready and willing to help, will not allow these poor invalid Legionnaires and  
their families to grieve hopelessly, but will extend to them their helping hand  
and thus make possible their survival, no matter how modest.....

The goal, set at \$100,000 for the Czechoslovaks of America, found a ready response  
among the Czechoslovak people of Chicago, because our countrymen here have fully  
comprehended the meaning and value of the aid we bring to these, our unfortunate  
Legionnaires.....

It is not easy for these boys to be aware of the fact that a collection is being

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made in their behalf....But there is no other way out.....

Our quota for Chicago is \$35,000. If we are to prove that Chicago is really the metropolis of the Czechoslovaks of America, then it will be necessary not only to fill that quota but greatly to exceed it. This may be done by the full co-operation of all of us.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 10, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The following persons made contributions for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage): Mrs. F. Farlik, Lakeside, Michigan, to honor the memory of her brother, Mr. Jan Cenek, \$5; Mrs. Anna Tell, Scranton, Pennsylvania, 50 cents; Mr. F. J. Kolmaier, Seaside, Oregon, 50 cents.

Toward a gift of honor for the Czech novelist, Mrs. Popelka Bilian, the following contributions were made: Mr. Frank Serak, Chattanooga, Oklahoma, \$1.50; Mrs. Jedlicka, Westfield, Massachusetts, 50 cents.

Mrs. Mary Schwartz, Pocasset, Oklahoma, sent us 55 cents for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno [Czechoslovakia]).

For the fund to aid invalid Czechoslovak Legionnaires and their families, the following sent in their contributions: Mr. Josef Libal Virginia, Nebraska, \$2;

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Mr. Jan Mikulica, Bannister, Michigan, \$1; Mr. J. Nekut, Canton, Ohio, \$2;  
Mr. Fred Pravdik, 4710 West Kinzie Street, Chicago, 50 cents; Mr. Vaclav Scholar,  
Ramsay, Michigan, \$1; Mr. John Walecka, Kewaunee, Wisconsin, \$1; Mrs. Tini Kurka,  
Saint Louis, Missouri, \$100; Mr. Vincenc Brandys, Gary, Indiana, \$5.

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 1, 1922.

THEY REMEMBERED THE ORPHANED CHILDREN

Those compassionate countrymen of ours who did not forget the terrible accident which befell the family of Mrs. Amalie Hladík, 1651 Throop Street, remembered that family again on Thanksgiving day with a collection for the benefit of the orphaned children of Hladík. Their father was recently killed by an automobile. [The amount collected was \$16.10. Names of contributors are omitted in translation.]

Mrs. Hladík expresses her gratitude to all these generous people in the name of her children.



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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 29, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Jan Vicha, former Chicagoans, now residing in Braidwood, Illinois, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last Saturday. To that celebration a great many of their Chicago friends and acquaintances were invited.....Mr. Vlach suggested, in the midst of the festivities, that a collection be made for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). The collection netted \$25.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 28, 1922.

### THIRTY POOR BOYS MADE HAPPY

Great joy was created by Mr. Vojta Masek, president of the well-known firm, Pilsen Lumber Company, for thirty poor youngsters who could not afford to buy their sleds. By giving them the necessary materials he made it possible for these young fellows to make their own sleds in the Dvorak Park [workshop]. To make their sleds look more attractive, Mr. Charles Novak, a well-known paint merchant of Blue Island Avenue, gave the boys enough paint to decorate their own handiwork.

The happy group rolled up its sleeves and went to work so as to have the sleds ready before winter comes. The park director wishes to thank both of these gentlemen for their noble deeds. The boys were truly grateful.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 26, 1922.

#### FACTS CONCERNING THE BOHEMIAN AID SOCIETY UNION

The Cesky Vypomocny Spolek Union (Bohemian Aid Society) has proved, whenever an occasion has arisen, that it has a firm foundation. The Bohemian aid societies are known to be organizations established upon firm and healthy foundations. These societies are annually accredited by the state; the accreditation may be pointed to with pride since it indicates the kind of work which our aid societies are doing, work which serves as an example to other societies and is worth following. Among these aid societies there is one which takes special pains to show not only to its own members but to the general public, whenever an occasion presents itself, that it has firm foundations. This organization, according to a report prepared by its conscientious secretary, Mr. Joseph P. Vesely, 4026 West Roosevelt Road, has been in existence for the past thirty-six years. It is a fact also worth mentioning that during that long time it has had only one treasurer. This is a record seldom heard of among other aid societies, and it is quite possible

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that it stands alone.

The treasurer is Mr. Jan Hovorka, Sr., 5116 West 23rd Place.

Although the Spolek faced many hardships, it proved its stability and honesty of purpose; so has its treasurer. [Translator's note: The writer of this article wished to say that the treasurer was a man worthy of trust just as the Society is a trusted institution.] And it was mainly through the work of the treasurer that the Spolek survived [the vicissitudes of time] and that it attained its present high status: for during the entire history of the Spolek its treasurer worked honestly and conscientiously for the greater honor of the whole Spolek and not for personal credit.

It is also worthy of mention that at the last directors' meeting of the Spolek, the secretary, Mr. Vesely, pointed to the fact that the treasurer will soon celebrate his seventy-first birthday.....Mr. Vesely stated that as the secretary of the Spolek he considers it an honor and a privi-

The good wishes of the secretary were fully shared and acclaimed by all the members of the board of directors and all the officers of the Spolek. Mr. Hovorka was visibly affected by this expression of confidence, and was glad that he was able to contribute to the growth of the Spolek Union, bringing it to its present healthy development.

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Denní Mlasatel, Nov. 25, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

(News Release of the National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics)

While en route to Czechoslovakia aboard the steamship Rotterdam, a special committee was appointed by the Národní Svaz Českých Katolíků (National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics) to handle the baggage of all the members of the expedition. For this service rates were charged according to weight of each piece of baggage. The committee, after collecting the money and paying for expressage, etc., had \$289 left.

This amount was given by Mr. Václav Radouš to the leader of the expedition, Mr. Jan Straka, who, with the approval of the members, used this surplus for various charitable causes as follows: The Vincentinum Orphanage of Prague \$50; the Útulek Svatého Josefa (Saint Joseph's Old People's Home), also in Prague, \$100; the Nemocnice Alžbětinek (Sainte Elizabeth /convent/ Hospital) of Prague, \$100; and the Útulna Slepých Dívek (Blind Girls' Home) at Kampa in Prague, \$40; total, \$290. The one dollar which was lacking was supplied

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Denní Glasatel, Nov. 25, 1922.

by Mr. Jan Straka. All of the institutions mentioned have acknowledged receipt of the contributions made....and may be seen upon request at the office of the Národní Svaz in Chicago. [Translator's note: Here follow the acknowledgments written by the four mentioned institutions.]

The accuracy of all statements made in this report is vouched for by the control committee of the Národní Svaz: Mr. Antonín Václav Tesař, Miss Antonie Vondráček, Mr. J. J. Janda, and Mrs. Marie Novotný.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 23, 1922.

FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGIONNAIRES CAUSE

A meeting of the committee for Chicago and vicinity was held last Tuesday, November 21, 1922, in the offices of the Ceskoslovenska Narodni Rada (Czechoslovak National Council). Reports from the various districts were received as follows:

The Pilsen district: The Slovak and the Bohemian Catholic workers were given their collection booklets. The freethinkers should show greater interest by joining this activity. It was recommended that the Sokol unions be appealed to. The next meeting will be held on Friday in the Cesko-Americka Sin (Bohemian-American Hall), and immediately following that meeting the volunteers will begin collecting funds in their own district which extends from Western Avenue east to the Chicago river and south to the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad.

The Bohemian California and Lawndale districts: Many of the collectors of funds received their collection booklets earlier, and one volunteer has it



Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 23, 1922.

filled already. It is Mrs. Anna Nedved who collected \$74.85. The following officers were elected: Mr. V. Jedlicka, secretary; Mr. Jan Podmajersky, treasurer. Their office is in....the offices of the Narodni Rada, 3734 West 26th Street, and they will be on hand every evening from 7 to 8 P.M. All volunteers may obtain their booklets there. The next meeting of the district committee will be held on Friday, November 24, in the offices of the Narodni Rada.

The Merigold district: The organizational committee is busy and hopes that on Friday, November 24, it will start collecting. On that day there will be a meeting of all volunteers of the district in the Sokol Tabor Slovenske Lipy. Time: 8 P.M.....

The Cicero and Berwyn districts: The collections have already started. The next meeting of the district committee and of the volunteer workers will be held on Friday in the Sokol Karel Jonas.

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The Oak Park district: The volunteer workers of the Jednota Sokol Oak Park (Oak Park Sokol Union) who were previously active in nationalistic work promised their co-operation. But since they are at present busy with other public work, they will not call a meeting until Tuesday, December 5, 1922. The work of collecting the contributions will therefore be delayed, but the members will be better able to concentrate their energies on this work.

The Town of Lake district: At the last meeting of the district committee Mr. Vladimir Peterek was elected secretary to replace the temporary secretary, Mrs. Vones. Mr. Peterek lives at 4627 South Hermitage Avenue. The booklets will be distributed at the meeting to be held on next Wednesday.

The "Small South Side" district: This district has been subdivided into nine parts and collectors were appointed for each division. Collection booklets will be distributed at a meeting which is to be held next Thursday

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in the school building located at West 30th Street and Lowe Avenue.

The Jefferson Park and Irving Park districts: A committee was organized at a meeting held in the Sokol Krivan on November 20, 1922. The following officers were elected: chairman, Mrs. Alzbeta Sopoci, 4316 North Keeler Avenue; treasurer, Mrs. Emilie Kovac, 5493 Higgins Avenue; secretary, Mrs. Ernestina Kis, 4775 Milwaukee Avenue. In the next meeting the booklets will be distributed to the volunteers. That meeting will be held on Monday in the Sokol Krivan. There are several Slovak collectors ready to start work, but we need our countrymen living in the neighborhood of the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov (Bohemian National Cemetery); they should show greater interest and understanding.

The Pullman district: Messrs. Josef Matusek, 100 West 107th Street, Karel Stranovsky, 10512 South LaSalle Street, and Stefan Albert, 10657 South Wentworth Avenue, have taken charge of activities. A meeting will be call-

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ed on Friday, November 24, in Mr. Stancik's hall.

The Gary, Hammond, and Whiting, Indiana districts: These districts were organized directly by the Narodni Vybor Invalidni Sbirky (National committee to collect a fund for invalids), located in Cleveland, Ohio. All checks should be made out to the Vybor Invalidni Sbirky. Mr. J. Kesner, Mr. Martin Huska . . . and Mrs. C. Ruzek are the officers responsible for that body. A five-thousand-dollar bond must be made by the treasurer.

It was reported in the meeting of the all-Chicago committee that the Bohemian daily, Denni Hlasatel, appointed a reporter to cover the activities of the committee, and write three publicity articles each week for the benefit of the fund; it is desirable that these articles be put in the most conspicuous place in that newspaper. Also \$100 was received as a gift from the publishers of the Denni Hlasatel. We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the aforesaid sum.

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#### BOHEMIAN CHARITY BALL A HUGE SUCCESS

The twelfth annual charity ball of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) took place last night in the gorgeously lighted and richly decorated Pilsen Park pavilion. The Společnost has long been regarded by our people as one of the most indispensable institutions of our public life. Since its inception the Společnost has proved innumerable times that it fully comprehends its humane mission. The basis on which it operates is indeed very sound, and by arranging its annual balls, which are its main source of revenue, it convinced us....that the general Czech public is not only well disposed toward its humane labors, but that it willingly co-operates in whatever projects the Společnost launches. Every one of the annual balls thus far given by the Společnost was a decided success, not only morally, but financially, as was again shown last night. Our Czech public regards the support of these annual charity balls as a regularly levied tax which it pays gladly and willingly to alleviate the suffering and the want of its countrymen who happen to be in straitened circumstances.

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Whoever saw the large number of people in the corridors and the halls of the pavilion....must have been filled with joy that our people are not lacking in sympathy and compassion, and that charity with them is not an empty phrase.

The receipts of the ball were highly satisfactory in every respect; it seems to us even that they surpassed the wildest expectations of the very active committee on arrangements. Thus strengthened by the sympathies of the public and by the large financial success of the ball itself, the Společnost may now face its task of caring for the underprivileged with a calm assurance of having sufficient means to do so; and we know that there will be many an eye filled with tears of gratitude for the aid given by the Společnost.

As regards the ball itself, it has for many years been an annual occurrence. The committee on arrangements with the help of the ladies' auxiliary made extensive preparations, and nothing was overlooked that could add to the splendor, the gaiety, and the success of the ball. As in former years, so

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this year too, intensive publicity was used; thousands of our countrymen and many prominent people belonging to the foreign-language groups received eloquent letters asking them to purchase the enclosed tickets. These requests were granted with a very few exceptions. The attendance at the ball was, consequently, a tremendous one, but the service did not suffer thereby; on the contrary, it was exemplary, so that nobody had any reason for complaint. The work was systematically divided under the committee chairmanship of Mr. Josef F. Bolek, and among others who helped were Messrs. Louis Šolar, John A. Červenka, Tomáš Chval, Karel V. Janovský, John Krupka, John A. Sokol, Charles J. Novák, and Anton Laad. Among the ladies who were active in the work were: Mesdames Antonie Červenka, Terezie Hájíček, Marie Krupka, Aloisie Špatný, and Emma Zeman.

The stage decorations are well worth mentioning; thanks to Mr. Kašpar, who loaned some beautiful palm trees to the Společnost, the whole stage had a festive appearance. Mr. Rubringer's orchestra contributed greatly to the gaiety and entertainment of the occasion.....

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The president of the Společnost, Mr. Anton J. Čermák, received an eloquent expression of appreciation by the board of directors. At the end of the grand march which was a grand spectacle indeed, and which was led by Mr. Čermák, Mr. Jan A. Červenka stepped forth and handed him a gavel artistically carved from ivory. This was a gift from the board of directors of the Společnost. The gift was accompanied by a short speech from Mr. Červenka who, as a spokesman for all those present, expressed his joy at the election of Mr. Čermák to the presidency of the Board of County Commissioners, stating that now that he has been elected he can use his high office for the good of the Společnost and for the indigent in whom that society is actively interested.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The following contributions were made for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage): Mr. James Hruska, Geddes, South Dakota, \$1; Mr. A. Michalec, Bradley, Wisconsin, 25 cents; Mr. Frank Tabor, Sr., Culbertson, Nebraska, 25 cents.

The Buchlov Social and Benevolent Society on the occasion of the celebration of its tenth anniversary, contributed \$10 for the benefit of the Sirotcinec Svateho Josefa (Saint Joseph's Orphanage at Lisle, Illinois), and the money was deposited with us.

Mrs. Z. Jedlicka of Westfield, Massachussets, sent \$1 as a contribution to a gift of honor for the Czech novelist, Mrs. Popelka Bilian.

Mrs. Anna Patocky, of Chico, California, sent \$2 for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno [Czechoslovakia]).

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FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGIONNAIRES

We issue a call to all of our countrymen living on the South Side to co-operate with us in collecting contributions to a fund for incapacitated Czechoslovak legionnaires and the widows and orphans of Czechoslovak legionnaires killed in battle. We ask all such countrymen to come to a meeting which is to be held next Sunday, November 19, 1922, at 2:30 P. M., in the public school located on West 30th Street and Lowe Avenue.

It is our duty to make good the promise which we made to the legionnaires; and we feel that all friends of the good cause will attend the meeting.

Mr. Josef Dusak, chairman;  
Mr. Frantisek Sroufek, secretary;  
Mr. Vaclav Cizek, treasurer.

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FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGIONNAIRES

Our hearts were filled with joy when we in America were given an opportunity to assist in the struggle for the liberation of our Czech and Slovak lands. We made willing contributions to the cause of liberation, and our wishes for a speedy success of our action were sincere. In the meantime our countrymen beyond the seas suffered. All loyal Czechs and Slovaks suffered because of material want, because of political oppression, and because of fear of the future.

But now the time has come when it is necessary to have more than an understanding of and a sympathy for an oppressed people. Our participation in the cause [of liberty] had to be augmented by acts requiring greater sacrifice--our own blood. And again our hearts were filled with joy when hundreds of our [Bohemian-American] boys answered the call, boys who were willing to sacrifice their health and give their lives. And while we kept up our recruiting

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activities at home our boys were already fighting in bloody battles and spending their days and nights in the madness of war. They were surrounded by untold miseries.

Our cause was successful, and what we so ardently desired became a fact. With joyous pride do we now accept the thanks of a liberated nation, both Czech and Slovak. It was only recently that another proof of their gratitude was manifested to us by their sending us an urn containing the sacred soil of our native land. That renewed assurance of their deep appreciation was received by the Ceskoslovenska Narodni Rada (Czechoslovak National Council), the central office of which is located in Chicago. This last act [of the liberated people] was utilized by the National Council here in Chicago in bringing to our attention the necessity of finishing the cause of liberation by taking care of those who sacrificed their lives and the comforts of their families that Czechoslovakia might exist. Almost one hundred of our Bohemian-American boys died in battle....and many more of them returned crippled from the battlefields of

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France and Hungary. The Czechoslovak Legionnaires' Aid Society of Cleveland asks aid for hundreds of suffering invalids, widows, and orphans.

The Narodni Rada, after satisfying its members about the indispensability and urgency of that aid, now asks all Czechoslovaks of Chicago and vicinity to do their duty towards our legionnaires. It has launched a campaign to collect contributions among the Czechoslovaks of Chicago and vicinity for the creation of a fund to aid the invalid legionnaires and the widows and orphans of fallen legionnaires. That campaign begins today. Our joy at having liberated our native lands will be unalloyed after this, our last duty, is done.

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FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGIONNAIRES

The Ceskoslovenska Narodni Rada v Americe (Czechoslovak National Council in America) issues a call to our Oak Park countrymen to secure a sufficiently large amount of money for the legionnaires' fund. This fund will be used to support the suffering [Czechoslovak] legionnaires who are in need and all the widows and orphans of the fallen [Czechoslovak legionnaires]. The [central] committee for the collection of funds in Chicago and vicinity is organizing independent committees in all parts of the city of Chicago and vicinity, each such committee to be responsible for the collections made [and to be made] in its district. The meeting of the Oak Park volunteers shall accordingly be called on Monday, November 20, 1922, at 7:15 P. M., in the Sokol Oak Park. We ask the duly elected officers of our Czech organizations in Oak Park to organize their own committee which would be made responsible for all collections made for the above-mentioned fund.

We invite all our countrymen of Oak Park who would be willing to co-operate

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with us. The purpose of this fund will be explained by Mr. Josef Placek, a member of the Narodni Rada, who will address the meeting on Monday evening.

For the committee:

Mr. Martin Hustko, president;  
Mr. Karel Kouba, secretary.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 17, 1922.

FOR THE INVALIDS OF THE CZECHO-SLOVAK LEGION

At the last meeting of the Chicago committee in charge of collecting funds for invalid Czech legionnaires and the widows and orphans of fallen Czech legionnaires, held on November 14, it became apparent that our consciences are being stirred in behalf of the invalids and the destitute families of the fallen men. Not only were all the members present, but representative members of the committees of the Pilsen, Bohemian California, Town of Lake districts, and North Side of Chicago, as well as a five-member committee of the Svazova Druzina Ceskoslovenskych Legionaru (Local Branch Group of the Federation of Czechoslovak Legionnaires), attended the meeting. The last named committee consisted of J. Bukovsky, Alois Bedrna, J. J. Fekl, S. J. Hajn, and Emil Korinek. The various committee reports sounded very encouraging.



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IV In the so-called Little South Side district things are moving along, too. A meeting was held in that district on November 13 in a public school building at the corner of West 30th Street and Lowe Avenue. As president pro tem, Mr. Josef Dusek of 3002 Emerald Avenue was elected. His telephone number is Boulevard 6427; Mr. Frantisek Sroufek, of 2925 Emerald Avenue, was elected secretary, and Mr. Vaclav Cizek, 924 West 29th Street, treasurer. Mr. Cizek's telephone is Boulevard 0763. The next meeting is to be held on Sunday, November 19. At that meeting a permanent committee for the South Side will be elected, and the entire district will be subdivided for purposes of work. The volunteer workers will then be assigned to their respective parts of the district. The meeting will again be held in the school building at the corner of Lowe Avenue and West 30th Street, and will start at 2:30 P.M.

Originally the entire North Side of Chicago (everything north of Jackson Boulevard) was to be regarded as one area for purposes of work. It was later found that this area was too large, and it was, therefore, subdivided. Thus,

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IV Irving Park and Jefferson Park form one part, in which the meeting will be held on November 20, at 8 P.M. in the Sokol Krivan, 4942 West Lawrence Avenue. Fourteen volunteers have already signified their willingness to work in this part of the city. The neighborhood adjoining the Cesky Narodni Hrbtov (Bohemian National Cemetery) will be worked by Mrs. Sistka, Mr. Urbanec, and Mr. Kolbaba.

The second part of the North Side is bounded on the east by Halsted Street, on the north by Fullerton Avenue, and extends west to the city limits. We may augment our previous report by adding the name of Mrs. Anna Schustek, 1538 West Chicago Avenue (telephone Monroe 4694), who is also a member of the committee on organization and, as such, will procure more volunteer workers. Volunteers may communicate with her directly.

On Saturday, November 18, there is to be a meeting of the workers of this section of Chicago in the office of the firm Augustin and Fabry, 1543 West Chicago Avenue.

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IV To co-ordinate the work done in all parts of the city, representatives for each section have been appointed by the central committee. These representatives will be in contact with the work of the various committees, and will endeavor to aid the workers to make the collecting of funds efficient and successful. The secretaries are hereby directed to communicate with the office of the Ceskoslovenska Narodni Rada (Czechoslovak National Council), 3734 West 26th Street, where they may secure a sufficient number of collection booklets, credentials, etc., and where they may get any essential information which has a bearing upon the subject at hand. Upon completion of the work, the receipts for funds will be sent to the Narodni Vybor (National Committee) in Cleveland, Ohio, but the executive committee, consisting of the officers of the National Council in Chicago, and of the officers of the local collection committee for Chicago and vicinity, will have charge of all books or records by means of which every contribution together with the name of the contributor may be ascertained, and any other information concerning these transactions, given.

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IV Our Czech and Slovak newspapers of Chicago are hereby requested to be so kind as to send their reporters to the meetings of the [central] committee. These meetings are held every Tuesday. The president of the Narodni Rada, Mr. John A. Cervenka, reported that the management of the Pilsen Brewing Company had consented to the sending of the sum of \$250 as a contribution to the cause.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 15, 1922.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE BOHEMIAN CHARITY BALL  
IN FULL SWING

All the necessary preparations for the twelfth annual charity ball of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) have been completed. The ball will take place on November 22, 1922, in the Pilsen Park pavilion, West 26th Street and Albany Avenue. Judging from the preparations already completed, this year's ball will surpass all previous similar affairs arranged by the Společnost. The committee on arrangements has gone out of its way to make this annual ball a great success. The sale of tickets is going well, and we are highly pleased with the attitude of our countrymen who believe in supporting the work of the Společnost. The coming winter is going to be bad for the poor Czech families. Coal is expensive; rents and living expenses are high. Heart-rending appeals for help reach the office of the Společnost every day; besides the constant influx of new cases there are the old ones, many of which concern old people whose ailments are incurable. There are also destitute families with very young children who need proper care.

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Therefore, during a season which includes such holidays as Thanksgiving and Christmas, let not your hearts be hardened, but help those who really need your help.

Tickets for the ball have been mailed to the friends of the Spolecnost; more tickets are available at the offices of the Association which is located at 2603 South Kedzie Avenue, telephone Rockwell 1787. The price of a ticket is \$1; in purchasing it you support the charities of the Spolecnost. The Spolecnost spent \$9,864.46 during the past year for charity, and \$71,489.01 during its entire existence. This shows what responsibilities it shouldered. At the last meeting of the board of directors, a check for \$200 was received from Mr. August Geringer, publisher of the Svornost; this gift was sent by him on the occasion of his 30th birthday. Another check for \$100 was received from the committee of the Obchodni Americka Vyprava Do Cech (Bohemian-American Commercial Expedition to Bohemia). The board of directors of the Spolecnost hereby extends its thanks to both donors. The final meeting of the entertainment

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committee will be very important, and every member should attend it. It will be held this Thursday, November 16, 1922, at 8 P.M., in the office of the Spolecnost.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 12, 1922.

FOR THE CAUSE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGIONNAIRES

.....There will be several independent committees working in the Chicago area; each of these will be responsible for its specific Czech neighborhood. The Czech neighborhoods in which these committees will work are as follows:

The largest one comprises the Bohemian California and Lawndale districts, bounded by Western Avenue on the east, 48th Avenue on the west, the drainage canal on the south, and by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad on the north. This large Czech neighborhood already has a working committee which was organized on November 8, at a meeting held in the Sokol Chicago Hall on that day.....Mrs. **Antonie** Cervenka, 2438 South Lawndale Avenue, was chosen as chairman of this committee; Mrs. Marie Nedved, 2520 South Crawford Avenue, was chosen vice-chairman; Mrs. Vaclav Jedlicka, 2313 South Millard Avenue, was made secretary; Mr. Jan Podmajersky, 4308 West 26th Street was made treasurer.



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The entire section of Chicago described above will be subdivided into precincts, exactly as it is done in political matters; each precinct is to be "covered" by a collector. The collectors will be assigned to their precincts at the next committee meeting which is to be held next Wednesday, November 15. Every new worker is welcome. Make your application with the above-named officers, or in the office of the Ceskoslovenska Narodni Rada v Americe (Czechoslovak National Council of America), 3734 West 26th Street, Chicago. The office is open daily until 9 P.M.

In the Cicero and Berwyn district there was a meeting in the Sokol Karel Jonas Hall, on Friday, November 10, for the purpose of organizing a committee which will be charged with the responsibility of making the largest possible collection for the benefit of the Czechoslovak Legionnaires' fund for invalids, widows, and orphans living in America. The meeting was opened by

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Mr. J. Placek, who outlined our responsibilities to the invalid Legionnaires, and the widows and orphans of fallen Legionnaires. The following were then chosen as officers of the committee: Mr. Vaclavkozojed, 2419 South 61st Avenue, president; the vice-president for the eastern part of the Cicero-Berwyn area will be Mrs. Marie Proks, 5411 West 24th Street, Cicero; the vice-president for the western part of the same area will be Mrs. Katerina Hynous, 2241 Austin Boulevard; the secretary will be Mrs. Klaudie John, 5510 West 25th Street, Cicero, Illinois; the treasurer will be Mr. Frantisek Cuchna, 2109 South 60th Court, Cicero, Illinois. These officers are to make assignments for the work to be done in the area, and are to obtain more volunteers to make the collection. A special publicity committee was also organized as follows: Mrs. Katerina Hynous and Mrs. Marla Pouba, both of 5729 West 23rd Place, Mrs. Barbora Prokopec, 2229 South 60th Court; Mrs. Marie Kral, 1643 Austin Boulevard; Mrs. Anna Hanus, 2317 South 61st

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Avenue; and Mrs. Marie Radvanovsky, 5323 West 25th Place. There can be no doubt that this publicity committee is going to do fine work, for its members are, for the most part, well-known club workers. But any volunteer workers may communicate directly with the above officers.

The committee will hold its regular meetings every Thursday in the Sokol Karel Jonas Hall. It is generally accepted that both Cicero and Berwyn will occupy a significant place in the present campaign, judging by the work these two communities have performed during the struggle for the liberation of Czechoslovakia.

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NEWS OF LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE BOHEMIAN  
CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

The ladies' auxiliary of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) has proved on numerous occasions that it is able to swell the receipts of the Společnost by its industry and activity. The ladies of this auxiliary have made extensive preparations for a bazaar to be given by them on November 17, 1922. The bazaar will be held in the Hubbard Memorial Church [a Czech Brethren church], which is located on Lawndale Avenue near West 25th Street. The affair will take place in the basement of the Church. The purpose of it is the securing of funds with which to aid the needy families during this coming winter. Every one of the ladies has donated some useful object, chiefly household wear such as aprons. Various delicacies have also been donated and will be served, with coffee, to all the visitors who favor the bazaar by their presence.

This will be the first bazaar of its kind given by the auxiliary, and we hope

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that many of our friends will come to purchase useful articles at pre-war prices. The purchasers will thus save money by these bargain prices and the poor will be helped by the receipts. Therefore do not forget the date--November 17, 1922, at 8 P.M. Let there be more customers than goods at this bazaar. Let this bazaar become a rendezvous for all gentle-minded people in Chicago.

For the Damsky Odbor (ladies auxiliary) of the Spolecnost,  
Mrs. Josefina Beranek, chairwoman;  
Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, secretary.

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A DETAILED FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE  
BOHEMIAN-AMERICAN COMMERCIAL EXPEDITION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Receipts:

In membership fees (\$5 per capita).....	\$1,632.71
Collection made on board ship.....	320.50
Bunco party.....	50.50
Moneys received for insignia.....	177.00
Balance left from advertisements.....	100.00
Total.....	\$2,280.71

Disbursements:

Newspaper publicity.....	\$ 201.20
Printed matter and postage.....	78.75
An American flag.....	68.90
Insignia and little flags.....	217.50
Cablegrams to Bremen and to Czechoslovakia.....	13.80
Total.....	\$ 580.15

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IV Balance carried forward.....\$1,700.56

Other Receipts:-

From the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov (Bohemian National Cemetery)..... 500.00

From Mr. Anton J. Cermak..... 100.00

Total to be given to charities.....\$2,300.56

Disbursements made in Bohemia to the various institutions and charities as follows:

To the Ceskoslovensky Cervený Kříž (Czechoslovak Red Cross)

Amounts given in Czechoslovak crowns.....10,000

To the Repatriation Fund for the descendants of Bohemians

banished from Bohemia after the battle of the Bílá Hora

(White Mountain).....10,000

To the Bakulova Družina (Bakula's Group).....10,000

To the Narodní Jednota Posumavská (Bohemian Forest National

Union).....10,000

To the Narodní Jednota Severočeská (National Union for Northern

Bohemia).....10,000

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IV To the Spolek Vdov a Sirotku le Padlych Legionarich (Bohemian  
Legionnaires' Widows and Orphans Society).....6,000  
To the Brnenska Utulna (Old Peoples Home at Brno, Czechoslovakia).....5,500  
To the Jedlickuv Ustav Pro Krzacky (Jedlicka's Institution for  
Crippled Children).....5,000  
To the Skola Homenskeho (John Comenius School) in Vienna.....5,000  
To the Druzina Osleplych Legionaru (Society of Blind Legionnaires).....5,000  
To the Prazdnicove Osady Dolnickych Deti (Summer Vacation Camps for  
Workingmen's Children).....5,000  
For the erection of a monument to Jan Kizka of Trocnov in the  
town of Trocnov.....5,000  
(Besides the above last item the following private individuals  
have contributed to the same cause: Mr. J. K. Valha 5,000 crowns;  
the Reverend Vachlav Vanek 2,500 crowns; Mr. F. J. Skala 1,500 crowns;  
Mr. V. L. Rezabek 1,000 crowns.)  
To the children's libraries in Slovakia.....4,000

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IV To the poor people of Prague, (amount delivered to the mayor  
of Prague).....4,000  
To the Spolek Vdov Po Ceskoslovenskych Zaloznich Dustojnicich  
(Society of Widows of the Czechoslovak Reserve Officers).....3,000  
To the Masarykova Liga Proti Tuberkulose (Masaryk's Anti-tuberculosis  
League).....1,500  
To the poor people of the town of Plzen (Pilsen) (delivered to the  
mayor of the town).....1,500  
To the Detska Utulna "Jesle" (children's home "Crib") in the town  
of Plzen.....1,500  
For a wreath to be placed on the grave of the unknown soldier of  
Czechoslovakia.....1,000  
For a wreath to be placed on Vojta Naprstek's urn..... 250  
To two families of Russian refugees.....1,312  
To the office manager of the Expedition (Mr. Tuma) for office  
expenses, rental, the hiring of taxis, the transportation of hand

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IV baggage, and in salaries to the employees of said office; total..9,872

For the express charges of large baggage..... 662

Total of disbursements made in Bohemia, in Czechoslovak crowns.....115,096

There was a committee appointed at a special meeting to distribute the above funds, as itemized. The committee consisted of the following Czech editors: Mr. Vincenc Servinka, editor of the Narodni Listy (National Letters); Mr. Prokop Vavrinek, editor of the Narodni Politika (National Politics); Dr. Adolf Kunte, editor of the Cas (Time); Mr. Bohumil Muehlstein, editor of the Ceske Slovo (Czech Word); Mr. Josef Novak, editor of the Pravo Lidu (Rights of the People); and Mr. Josef Marek, editor of the Venkov (Countryside). All of these newspapers published glowing articles about the shining example of patriotic sacrifice of the Czechs of America.

A beautiful silken American flag was presented to the capital city of Prague, following a decision reached between the committee of the Expedition

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IV and that of the Czech newspapermen. Mr. Karel Vesely, a Chicago, attorney, who was a member of the committee of the Expedition, and who presented the flag to the city of Prague, received a letter recently; it was signed by the presidium and the chief magistrate of the city of Prague and addressed to Mr. Vesely here in Chicago. Its contents follows:

"On August 9, 1922 you delivered to the presidium in the Staromestska Radnice (old town [council] hall) of Prague a flag which was presented to the capital city of Prague by the members of the Ceskoslovensko-americka Obchodni Vyprava (Czechoslovak-American Commercial Expedition) of 1922, and of which Expedition you yourself were a member.

"I have received the said flag in today's meeting of the executive commission of the united communities of Prague, and consider it to be the property of the community. The executive commission passed a resolution to express its

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IV sincere and warm thanks to the rivers.

"I hasten to fulfill this beautiful task of conveying to you this expression of gratitude of the executive commission, and ask you to accept the thanks of the entire population of Prague which I have the honor to represent, and to transmit this expression to the rest of the gentlemen who were members of your Expedition.

"The attention by which you have honored the capital city of Prague, touched our sentiments in an unusually interesting way; for it is a new proof that our American brothers have not ceased to look upon Prague as a city which always has and always will be most intimately connected with the history of the **Czechoslovak nation.**

"The starry banner of your new homeland--a gift of an extraordinarily artistic

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IV workmanship--will forever be placed in a conspicuous place in our ancient Staromestska Radnice as a glorious proof that the American Czechoslovaks, who were our staunchest supporters during our darkest and most trying days when we fought for our self-determination, will not forget us in the days yet to come, a proof that they are with us in body and soul.

"Once more a hearty and warm thanks from us all to all of you. With an expression of specially friendly feelings,

Yours

Dr. Baza

president of the central executive commission of the capital city of Prague."

The last meeting of the entire committee of the Czechoslovak-American Commercial Expedition was held last Friday. It was presided over by Mr. Jan K. Valha, and the members who were present in this meeting were the following: Messrs. Vanek, Rezabek, Skala, Vesely, and Pocha. The recently arrived....

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IV treasurer of the committee, Mr. Josef Dusek, was also present. The members expressed their sympathy over the death of his faithful spouse, whose demise occurred during the visit in Bohemia, and rose to their feet in silent tribute to the departed. After reading the above financial report preliminary to its publication in the Czech dailies, Mr. Dusek turned over to the committee an additional sum of \$300, which remained as a balance of the fund of the Expedition; a fund which was created for the support of charitable institutions in Czechoslovakia.

The committee was unanimous in its decision to send \$150 of this balance to the Utulna A Siroteinec (Bohemian old people's home and orphanage); \$100 to the Ceska Dobrodicina Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association); and \$50 to two orphanages in Czechoslovakia for which the secretary of the committee has started a Christmas gift collection.

At the conclusion of the meeting the committee decided to thank Mr. F. J.

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IV Skala, as director of the local branch of the U. S. Lines, for the fine service given to all the members of the Expedition, and all the friendly aid given by him personally. Thus ended the meeting of the committee of the ....Expedition in friendly mood.....

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THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION TO GIVE A BALL

The Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) has begun extensive preparations for its annual charity ball which is to take place on November 22, 1922. It is expected that the venture will meet with great success, and that it will thus provide aid to such causes which the Spolecnost so loyally served in the past. This week tickets have been mailed to the various organizations and individuals, and the committee hopes that for the sake of the good cause they are serving, ticket sales will be great and immediate.



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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mr. J. J. Zajicek, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Mrs. K. Weller, of Ennis, Texas, sent \$1 each as contributions to a gift of honor to be presented to the Czech novelist, Mrs. Popelka Bilian.

Mrs. Founé (Jilek), 5010 Laflin Street, sent \$2 for the benefit of the Sirotcinec Svateho Josefa v Lisle (Saint Joseph's Orphanage at Lisle, Illinois), as a memento of the second anniversary of the deaths of her husband and father.

The members of the Dvur Plzen c. 1421 Katolickych Lesniku (Pilsen Lodge No. 1421 of the Catholic Order of Foresters) deposited with us the sum of \$3 for the benefit of the Joaneum war orphanage of Prague. The money was delivered by the secretary of the Lodge, Mr. F. J. Jarolimek.

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A MONUMENT FOR OUR LIVING DEAD

The Americka Narodni Rada Ceskoslovenska (Czechoslovak National Council of America) sent an appeal to all loyal Czechoslovaks asking them to terminate their revolutionary activity by a charitable deed--the creation of a fund for invalid Czechoslovaks. The fund will be at least one hundred thousand dollars, and is to provide support for the families of fallen and invalid legionnaires living in America. This fund will be controlled by a board of trustees of the Narodni Rada. Chicago and suburban Czechoslovaks will be required to contribute thirty-five thousand dollars to this cause. For this purpose a committee composed of the following members has been created: for the Narodni Rada, Messrs. Jan A. Cervenka, Jan Straka, Josef Placek and V. Cipra; for the Czechoslovak Legionnaires joint committee, Mrs. Claudia Ruzek, Messrs. Frantisek Horlivy, Frana Klepal, Karel Kouba, and Jan Mrazek; for the Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku (National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics), Miss Anna Kosner, Mrs. Anna Masin, Messrs. Jan Kesner, Josef Krakora, and Frantisek Lidinsky; for the Slovenska Liga (Slovak League), Mrs. Bozena Kosman,

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Mrs. Anna Fajnor, Messrs. Martin Huska, Jan Matlocha, Jan Nemec, Juraj Zarovy, and Jan Zidek.

Mr. Martin Huska was elected chairman of this board; Mrs. Claudia Ruzek, vice-chairwoman; Mr. Karel Kouba, secretary; and Jan Kesner, treasurer.

To make the work of the committee more systematic, the field of activity was divided into nine sections as follows: (1) Pilsen; (2) California and Lawndale; (3) Marigold; (4) Cicero and Berwyn (Illinois); (5) Oak Park, Illinois; (6) Town of Lake; (7) The small South Side; (8) Irving Park, Jefferson Park, and Humboldt Park; (9) Pullman, South Chicago, Joliet, and Chicago Heights, Illinois; and Hammond, Whiting, and Gary, Indiana. In each of the above nine districts an independent work committee will be formed, with its aim the recruiting and appointing of the greatest possible number of collectors.

Each of the nine sections will secure dependable workers; the Pilsen district started working today, November 3; that is there is to be a meeting of workers

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at 8 P. M. in the Cesko-Americka Sin (Bohemian-American Hall) 1436 West 18th Street (lodge room no. 3) to organize a committee for the Pilsen district. We ask all friends to report for duty on Friday: a duty which is a moral one, a duty which by the blood shed by our legionnaires obligates us to care for the invalids, and the widows and orphans left behind. Only by doing their duty will the Czechoslovaks of Chicago finish their task successfully. Whoever has a heart in the right place will come forward and join us. The collection committee is composed of Martin Huska, chairman; and Karel Kouba, secretary.

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A CZECHOSLOVAK ORPHANAGE IN THE OLD HOMELAND  
APPEALS TO THE CZECHOSLOVAKS OF CHICAGO  
FOR HELP

The Reverend Vaclav Vanek of Chicago recently received a touching letter from the Ceskoslovenska Spolecnost Pro Dobrocinnost Krestanskou v Cechach (Czechoslovak Association for Christian Charity in Bohemia). The Association, the seat of which is in Prague, wrote the letter in behalf of the boys orphanage in Teleci, near Policka, and the girls orphanage of Krabcice, near the Rip mountain. We publish an excerpt from that letter as follows:

"The manager of our orphanage in Teleci, Brother Ondryas, informed us that you visited our orphanage in the company of Reverend Krenek and the university professor, Dr. Smetanka. The manager states that you inspected the orphanage and assured yourself of the need of supporting that institution.

"The autumn season has just begun and with it the increased cost of running

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an orphanage. The contributions which could meet that cost are, however, in spite of our great efforts, not in evidence. We just purchased two carloads of coal for the use of both of our orphanages; this item requires the outlay of about 4,500 Czechoslovak crowns, an amount which we still owe. The boys need shoes, clothes, and stockings for the winter; these will cost about 6,000 crowns. In addition we must install bathtubs in both orphanages and make certain small building repairs at the Krabcice orphanage. Due to an increase in applications for admission to the institutions we ordered ten new children's beds costing about 8,000 Czechoslovak crowns, and as yet we do not have that amount on hand. Of the 32,000 crowns needed for thorough repairs of the Krabcice orphanage, we still owe 20,000, and must pay interest on that amount. The manageress of the Krabcice institution just reported that due to the recent windstorm the newly repaired tiled roof was again badly damaged and many of the tiles broken. The roof repair of that building is therefore absolutely necessary.

We are often greatly worried about our future, but as for me, I put my trust

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in Him who is the Father of all orphans. During the years 1919 to 1921 America helped us a great deal, but this year the contributions decreased while our needs increased. And daily letters are reaching us with applications for the admission of children and furnishing creditable proofs that the conditions of these children are almost too horrible to relate. Due to our limited means we must reject these applications, thus dooming these children both temporally and eternally. If we were to send you the case histories of our children, the descriptions of conditions in which they lived before they were admitted to our institutions, you would be amazed at the possibility of such [misery]. We beg of you, dear brother, to help us for Christ's love...."

Reverend Vanek asked the Denni Hlasatel to publish the above, and now addresses all kind-hearted people and all the Czech readers of the Denni Hlasatel who are acquainted with the two aforesaid Bohemian brethren institutions, to contribute their bit for their support. After receiving

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the letter, Reverend Vanek collected about 1,000 Czechoslovak crowns (\$35) for this cause. The collection was made last Sunday in his own church where he gave a lecture about Czechoslovakia. He would like to collect at least 5,000 crowns for each one of the above-named orphanages, and send the money in the name of our Bohemian-American countrymen so that it could reach its destination on Thanksgiving Day. Whoever is able should send his contribution to Reverend V. Vanek, 2324 South Central Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The names of contributors and the amounts of their contributions shall be published....in the Denni Hlasatel.



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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mr. O. Vosmek of Antigo, Wisconsin, contributed \$2.25 toward the gift of honor to be presented to the Czech novelist Mrs. Popelka Bilian.

Mr. A. J. Macak of Alton, California, has sent \$2 for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Bohemian Old Peoples Home at Brno, Czechoslovakia.) The following have also contributed to the same institution: Mr. Antonin Brezina of Waterloo, Ontario, \$1; Mrs. Frantiska Havlik of Lawton, Oklahoma, 50 cents.

For the Sirotcinec Joaneum (the Joaneum Orphanage) of Prague, Mr. B. Kuska of New Lisbon, Wisconsin, contributed \$1.

Mr. Frank Citek of Saratoga, Iowa, contributed 50 cents to the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for Czechoslovak War Orphans.

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FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOHEMIAN  
OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

At the last convention of the Sdruzene Vypomocne Spolky (Federated Aid Societies) held in Peoria, Illinois, on October 12, the Mysticky Spolek Ceskych Delegatu (Mystical Society of Bohemian Delegates) was founded. Its treasurer, Mr. William K. Pflaum, sends us the following report: At the convention our charitable institutions were remembered. These were the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) and the Sirotcinec Svateho Josefa v Lisle, Illinois (Saint Joseph's Orphanage at Lisle, Illinois). In order to make the acquisition of funds possible the Mysticky Spolek was organized, the avowed purpose of which is the doing of charitable deeds. Since every Czech delegate became a member of it without much urging, the sum of \$38 was soon collected. This sum was divided into two halves, one half being given to each of the above-named Czech charitable institutions.

The founders of the Spolek were the following gentlemen: Mr. Frank J. Petru,

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IV Mr. Vaclav Calek, and Mr. William K. Pflaum. The following men became members of the Spolek, and every one of these men--and there were many among them belonging to other foreign-language groups--when asked, gladly contributed to the good cause: Vaclav Calek, Josef Vlaciha, J. L. Voborsky, Konrad Ricker, Karel Krabec, Frank Skrzydlewski, Stepan Kovac, J. Mackiewicz, Thos. M. Filas, M. A. Kostecky, F. L. Basta, Jas. E. Melich, Charles Churan, Rudolf Mulac, A. Wachowski, George W. Kralovec, M. E. Vasen, Ward B. Whitlock, Charles F. Zak, Josef F. Janda, Anton Vanek, Josef Czekala, Bob Mudra, F. J. Mancl, J. P. Krivanek, A. J. Wlodarski, Z. Kadow, Josef Serhant, M. D. Riderx, J. W. Benke, F. O. Snyder, J. Krazek, John L. Novak, Josef Petranek, Frank J. Petru, William K. Pflaum. The meetings of this Mystical Society will be held annually at the convention of the Federated Aid Societies. The sum of \$19, contributed to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, was deposited with us.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The superintendent of the Brnenska Utulna (Old Peoples Home at Brno [Czechoslovakia]), Miss Marie Steskal, the directress of that institution, Mrs. Marie Slavik, and its accountant, Miss Marie Lazinka, sent us a letter of thanks dated September 28. In this letter they acknowledged the receipt of 365 [Czechoslovak] crowns sent to the aforesaid institution by the readers of the Denni Hlasatel. The management of the institution heartily thanks all the generous contributors who have thus remembered it.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

At a postnuptial party arranged in honor of the bride and groom--Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cerny--at their home located at 2646 West 21st Street, a collection was made for the benefit of the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old Peoples Home and Orphanage). Ten dollars was collected, and was deposited with us by the groom's brother, Mr. Josef Cerny.

The following contributed to the Popelka Bilian fund: Mrs. Marie Janacek of New Bedford, Massachussetts, fifty cents; Mrs. Anna Princi-Krejci of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, fifty cents.

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A MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE  
BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

Following are the minutes of a meeting held last Tuesday, October 10, by the Damsky Odbor (Women's Auxiliary) of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association):

The meeting was opened punctually by the chairman, Mrs. Josefina Beranek, who returned from a trip to Bohemia just in time to resume her activity as chairman and to start the work of the organization for the winter season. The attendance at this meeting was large, and the mood almost festive; and, after all, why should it not be so? For during the three long summer months, it seemed that many a member of the auxiliary longed again to attend our regular afternoon meetings, and so every one of us who had some time to spare hurried to this meeting, which turned out to be such a pleasant affair that it will long be remembered by all of us. The work of the meeting progressed rapidly, for all the officers vied with each other in accomplishing the tasks assigned

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to them during the absence of the chairman. One could hear nothing but praise and admiration for the work achieved by them. The entire board of directors of the auxiliary and all members generally deserve unstinted praise and thanks for the work performed by them, especially Mrs. Spatny, Mrs. Zeman, and Mrs. Antonie Cervenka for the publicity work which they did for the strawberry festival, and for selling tickets for that occasion.

The business of the meeting ended and the festivities began. A gorgeous floral piece which had been purchased by the directors was now presented by the vice-chairman, Mrs. A. Cervenka, to the chairman. With touching words this symbol of our love was handed to Mrs. Beranek who, visibly moved by this expression of our affection, thanked all the ladies present, promising all to continue to work with undiminished zeal. She then gave a brief resume of her experiences in Czechoslovakia....and yielded the floor to Mrs. Sokol, who in a very trenchant and sincere manner described the impressions gained by her while visiting the old homeland. The speakers who followed were Mrs. Triner, Mrs. Zarobsky, Mrs. Sistek, Mrs. Schnabl, and Mrs. Stejskal. All of them amused us very well. Last but not

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least was a talk by the Reverend Vaclav Vanek, whose remarks really touched our hearts, especially when he admonished us to continue our work of charity. Everybody was welcomed back to this first meeting of the season with open arms, and we were all glad to be back home and in the circle of our own friends. And so, joyously partaking of some well-cooked Kolacky and doughnuts, we spent the afternoon so pleasantly indeed that we shall long remember it. /Translator's note: A Kolac or Kolacek (plural Kolace or Kolacky) is a special kind of Bohemian pastry typical of that country's baking methods./

It should be added that we had a pleasant visit on this occasion from Mrs. Kreml who, being one of our workers, was convalescing after a long siege of illness and on this occasion ventured to go out in the street for the first time. The board of directors missed her very much, but now we hope that she will rejoin us in our work. The meeting adjourned under the most pleasant circumstances.

For the Damsky Odbor of the Spolecnost:  
 Antonie Cervenka, recording secretary.



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### TAG DAY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ORPHANS

The annual tag day for the benefit of the various Chicago orphanages will take place tomorrow. Among the orphanages which will profit by it is our Bohemian orphanage which is a part of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), located near the Cesky Narodni Hrbítov (Bohemian National Cemetery). It is desirable that the tag day be as profitable as possible for our own Czech orphans. This public collection is made only once a year, in fact, it is one of the tag days which is universally sanctioned even in these hard times when we hear so many protests against other collections which are made for various causes.

Many hundreds of matrons and girls will endeavor to make the results of the collection as plenteous as possible, and the committee in charge hopes to be able to obtain the sum of \$100,000 by this means.

Previous collections have been divided among no more than thirty institutions

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for which the tag day was organized. This system does not prevail any more. According to decisions reached by the collective board, each institution has its own taggers who endeavor to collect as much as possible for their own institutions. The tag day for the Czech orphans will therefore be planned only in the Czechoslovak neighborhoods of Chicago and its environs, and the total thus reached will accrue to our own Sirotcinec.

Yesterday afternoon there was a meeting of our ladies who will take part in this charitable occupation. The meeting was held in the Pilsen Sokol Hall. There was a large number of ladies who were willing to do the work, and the most advantageous spots in our Czech neighborhoods have already been assigned. The committee of the Utulna A Sirotcinec hopes that our own public will respond most generously to the appeal made, but every contribution, no matter how small, will be most welcome. Let no one forget our orphans. Since the tag day occurs only once a year there should be nobody who would refuse to contribute to this charity.

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### A TAG DAY FOR ORPHANS

On October 16, 1922 there will be a tag day for the benefit of orphanages which thus receive their support from the public. Among these institutions is our Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). Our Bohemian ladies have taken great pains on all previous occasions to make the receipts for our Sirotcinec as generous as possible, and they will undoubtedly be equally efficient this year. The committee announced that 150 ladies are needed to serve a cause so noble as that of giving of one's time and efforts for the benefit of the dispossessed and the motherless.

.....All volunteers who are willing to take part in this tag day are requested to report to the Pilsen Sokol on Saturday, October 14, between 2 and 4 P. M. There the committee will assign them to their locations and they will receive all other necessary instructions and supplies. The volunteers may also report to the secretary of the Bohemian Orphanage,

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Mrs. Bozena Krabec, 2027 South California Avenue, or telephone Rockwell 0477. The ladies who took part in the last tag day and desire to work at the same locations as before, will be able to do so by consulting the committee.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mr. Stanislav Lukas deposited \$5 with us for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). This gift was in lieu of a floral offering for the grave of Mrs. Netta Rybar.

For a gift of honor to be made to the Czech novelist, Mrs. Popelka Bilian, the following have sent contributions: Mrs. Anna Krisl, Chicago, \$1; Mrs. E. V., Chicago, \$1; Mrs. Frances Kocis, Midland, Michigan, fifty cents.

Mrs. Marie Lugden of Brooklyn, New York sent seventy-five cents for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno, /Czechoslovakia/).

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A PROCLAMATION MADE BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
NATIONAL COUNCIL

(Abstract)

The American Czechs and Slovaks have fully performed their duty during the most critical period in the history of our nation. Thanks to these great examples of devotion and love shown by our Czechoslovak people in America, the great struggle for the freedom of our nation ended in victory. A just and equitable history will some day evaluate all the work and sacrifices of the Czechoslovaks of America in the interest of the revolution.

The American Czechoslovaks sacrificed not only their material wealth, but their own blood; for the Czechoslovak Legionnaires of America, who were the quintessence of the sacrifices made by our people here for the sake of liberation, contributed the revolutionary activity of the American Czechoslovaks.

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The Czech and Slovak organizations of America, which until recently turned all their attention and support to the old homeland, face a new task today. If the work of our American countrymen is to bear good fruit they must do one more thing to finish their revolutionary activities in behalf of their old homeland. This last job, which faces us all, is to care for our suffering and invalid Legionnaires. Thus our last revolutionary deed will be to keep our word--to aid those men who sacrificed their lives and health in order that the republic might be made possible. Many of these invalids have families depending on their support. The suffering of the former Legionnaires and their families is something that will require the aid of all the Czechoslovak people of America. The problem is not only a material one, dealing with the actual aid of the suffering men and their families, but a moral one, since the honor of the Czechoslovak people of America is at stake.

The Czechoslovak National Council of America which represents all of the

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varied Czech and Slovak organizations in this country, regardless of organizational philosophy or religious creed, recognizes this moral obligation. In its last plenary meeting, held on May 20, 1922, the Council decided to start a collection which is to be the last all-national revolutionary activity in behalf of our suffering countrymen. This fund will be sufficient to care for both the indigent Legionnaires and the families of the men who fell in battle.

The collection was entrusted to a special committee of three delegates to the Council.....The success of it, however depends on the full recognition of the task and tireless effort and support of all the Czechoslovaks in this land.

Fully convinced that there will not be any national-conscious Czechs or Slovaks who would miss this opportunity to pay his share of this last revolutionary tax, the Council is ready to launch this activity and start the

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collection. Our slogan is: "The Czechs and Slovaks of America for their own suffering Legionnaires!"

Should we be successful in collecting the sum of \$100,000, we shall have ample funds to care for both the invalids and their families.....The Czechoslovak Legionnaires left the United States, their families, and their livelihood without any privileges or guarantees. After serving for two years in the Czechoslovak army, they returned without any means. Among those who returned were 107 invalids, many of whom are crippled for life. Some of these had their health either partially or totally affected by the exigencies of war. Many of the men did not return at all; that is, 97 of them are known definitely to have been killed. This latter group left both widows and orphans here. Of the invalids, 35 are serious cases, 72 are less so. Only 32 of the invalids are being cared for by the Czechoslovak government; the rest look forward to a sad and bitter future.....

For the Czechoslovak National Council:

John A. Cervenka, president;

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Dr. J. Stybr, secretary.

For the Narodni Vybor (National Committee) of the collection for Czechoslovak Invalids:

Lada Krizek, secretary;  
Reverend Oldrich Zlamal, president;  
Josef Kacir, treasurer;  
Josef Andel, accountant;  
F. Vainer  
Josef Bendl,  
Antonin Hobl.

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THE CZECHOSLOVAK RED CROSS THANKS CHICAGO  
CZECHS FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED

We have just received from the office of the Ceskoslovensky Cerveny Kriz (Czechoslovak Red Cross) at Prague, the acknowledgements for two shipments of money, the first of 875 Czechoslovak crowns, the second of 210 crowns. The money which was collected here was for the benefit of the Dr. Alice C. Masaryk Fund [for Czechoslovak war orphans]. The Cerveny Kriz in making the acknowledgement expressed its most sincere thanks to all the countrymen who contributed to this collection.....

Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 1, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mr. George Horak, Modoc, Kansas, made a collection for the benefit of the Joaneum Orphanage of Prague sending us \$11.75. [Here follow the names and addresses of the men and women who contributed to this collection; the list is nine lines long and is omitted in translation.]

Mr. E. Vondracek, 2709 South Whipple Street, sent us \$1 for the benefit of the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage).

Mr. Frantisek Rehak, 1609 South 11th Street, Saint Louis, Missouri, sent \$1 for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno [Czechoslovakia]).

Andrew and Mary Benko, Farmington, Missouri, sent us 25 cents toward the gift of honor to be presented to the Czech novelist, Mrs. Popelka Bilian.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 24, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Zemlicka Lodge No. 8106 of the Kralovske Sousedky Americke (American Neighbors of the King) /a women's organization/ donated \$25 to the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), and \$10 to the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno, Czechoslovakia). Both gifts were deposited with us.

Mr. Antonin Curadnik of Luxemburg, Wisconsin sent \$1 for the benefit of the Utulna. Mrs. K., of Iowa /no other identification given/, sent \$1 for the benefit of the Czech novelist, Mrs. Popelka Bilian.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 17, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The following persons mailed their contributions to us for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno Czechoslovakia): Mrs. Anna Bubenik, San Benito, Texas, \$1; Mrs. Frances Vitek, Howells, Kansas, 75 cents; Mr. Frank Prudik, New Bedford, Massachusetts, 25 cents; Mrs. Mary Brumek, Edge, Texas, 25 cents; Mr. Frank Skach, Ludkovice, Czechoslovakia, 20 cents.

Toward a gift of honor for the Czech novelist, Mrs. Popelka Bilian, the following contributions were received: Mrs. Sindler....\$1; Mr. Frank Prudik, New Bedford, Massachusetts, 50 cents.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 3, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mrs. Steidl of Crown Point, Indiana, sent \$1 and Mrs. K. Mochal of Clutier, Iowa, sent 50 cents toward a gift to honor Mrs. Popelka Bilian, Czech novelist.

Mrs. K. Mochal of Clutier, Iowa, sent \$1 for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno, Moravia.)

Through the Skala State Bank, we have forwarded various charitable gifts to the following: The Ustredni Dobrovolna Pomoc Mladovicim v Rusku (Central Voluntary Aid for the Starving People of Russia), Dr. Sychrava, president, \$5.00 (155 Czechoslovak crowns); Brnenska Utulna at Brno, \$11.75 (365 Czechoslovak crowns); Mrs. Popelka Bilian, Prague, Czechoslovakia, \$42.85 (1,335 Czechoslovak crowns).

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 27, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

As a gift of honor for the novelist, Mrs. Popelka Bilian, \$2.50 was sent to us by Mrs. Terezie Nohava of 2759 South Turner Avenue, Mr. A. Hrabe of Fox River Grove, Illinois, and Mr. Josef Dostalek of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Josef Dostalek of St. Louis, Missouri, sent us fifty cents for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno, Moravia).

The Karel Havlicek Borovsky Lodge No. 4 of the Cesko-Slovanska Delnicka Podporujici Jednota (Czecho-Slavonic Workers' Benevolent Union) of Minneapolis, Minnesota, sent us five dollars for the benefit of the starving children of Russia.

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 13, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

As a gift of honor to the novelist, Mrs. Popelka Bilian, the following contributions reached us: N. N. of Geddes, South Dakota, \$5; Mrs. Bohumila Dvorsky of Gary, Indiana, \$2. Each of the following sent one dollar: Mr. A. Thomas, Aberdeen, Washington; Mrs. Mary Janovsky, Edgemont, South Dakota; Mrs. Anna Krisl, 4302 West 31st Street; Mrs. Marie Valha, 2107 South 56th Court; Mrs. Marie Petracek, of 15th Place; Mrs. Antonie Neskrabal, Glencoe, Illinois; Mr. C. Pelsnik, Cleveland, Ohio. Each one of the following contributed fifty cents: Mrs. Josefa Jilek, Mount Erin, Virginia; Mrs. Anna Marianek, 3153 South Komensky Avenue.

For the benefit of the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), \$10.55 was collected by Mrs. Antonie Rericha on the occasion of a soiree given in honor of Mrs. Marie Riha of 1628 South 61st Avenue, Cicero, Illinois. The above sum was deposited with us.

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 13, 1922.

Mr. Pelsnik of Cleveland, Ohio sent to us \$1 for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno, Czechoslovakia).

For floral offerings for the grave of Frank Habbart, an unnamed lady sent us 50 cents and Mrs. Emilie Straka 25 cents.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 13, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mrs. Ruzena Nejedly started a collection for the benefit of the Joaneum (Home for Czechoslovak War Orphans) in Prague. The collection amounted to \$25.50. [Translator's note: The names of contributors and the amounts contributed are omitted in translation. There were thirty-four contributors.] We have forwarded the above sum to the orphanage in Prague through the medium of the Skala State Bank. The sum amounts to 1050 Czechoslovak crowns.

Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 12, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mrs. Amalie Dvorak, of 1600 Fisk Street, made a collection in behalf of the Hladik family, which is destitute because of the accidental death of their father and husband [Anton Hladik].

We reported this case last week. The proceeds of the collection was the sum of \$39.05....Mrs. Amalie Hladik takes this opportunity to thank, in her own name and the names of her children, Mrs. Antonie Dvorak, Mrs. Marie Klimek, Mr. Josef Hrbek, and the Misses Kautsky, all of whom took upon themselves the responsibility of caring for her family during the sad plight in which they found themselves, and who have endeavored to lighten their burden. She also wishes to thank all those who so generously have contributed to the collections. Also, she is very grateful to all the people who attended the funeral of her husband.....

Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 10, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mrs. Antonie Dvorak, of 1600 Fisk Street, and Mrs. Marie Klimek, of 1928 Sangamon Street, took up a collection in behalf of the unfortunate Hladik family. The total of the collection was \$63.45. [Here follows an itemized statement giving names of the one hundred and five contributors and the amounts given.]

Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 9, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Misses Miladka and Bozenka Koucky, of 2222 West 13th Street, made a collection for the benefit of the Hladik family, whose father Antonin Hladik, was accidentally killed. The collection amounted to \$15.55. [Translator's note: A list of contributors, of whom there were thirty-five, is omitted in translation.]

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Denní Hlasatel, Aug. 8, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The collection undertaken by Mr. Josef Herback in behalf of the unfortunate family of Mr. Hladik, who was killed in an accident, netted \$19.05. Of this sum, three dollars was spent for flowers for the grave, and the balance (\$16.05) was turned over to Mrs. Hladik. Many sincere thanks are due those who contributed. Anyone who wishes to make further contributions to the now destitute family of Mr. Hladik may do so by communicating with Josef Herback, 1651 South Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois. [Translator's note: A long list of names of contributors and their contributions has been omitted in translation.]

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Denni Hlasatel, Aug. 6, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Through the medium of the Skala State Bank, we have forwarded the following amounts to the institutions named below: For the Mrs. Popelka Bilian fund, \$81 (or 3,475 Czechoslovak crowns); for the Dr. Alice Masaryk fund for the Czechoslovak war orphans, \$5. (or 210 Czechoslovak crowns); for the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno, Czechoslovakia), \$15.65 (or 665 Czechoslovak crowns). All of the above sums were collected during the month of July.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The following persons have contributed to the Mrs. Popelka Bilian fund: Mrs. Anna Princ, Ord, Nebraska, \$1; Mrs. Marie Janecek, Merrillean, Wisconsin, \$1; Mr. Josef Sporer, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, \$1; Mrs. Frances Hauser, Herrick, South Dakota, \$1; Mrs. Rose Neuman, Wagner, South Dakota, \$1; Mrs. Malat of Berwyn, Illinois, \$1.85; Mr. Jan Mosinee, Madison, Wisconsin, 75 cents; an unnamed giver from Madison, Wisconsin, 75 cents; Mrs. A. L. Panos, Calexico, California, 50 cents; Mrs. Anna Bobcik, Charlotte, Michigan, 50 cents.

For the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno, Czechoslovakia) the following contributed: Mrs. Mary Odett, Cloverdale, California, \$1; Mrs. Frances Hauser, Herrick, South Dakota, \$1.

Denni Hlasatel, July 30, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For a gift to honor the novelist, Mrs. Popelka Bilian, the following persons made their contributions and deposited them with us: Mrs. B. Matat, 4022 North Hermitage Avenue, \$2; Mrs. Kamila Nepil, 3218 South Harding Avenue, \$2; Mrs. S., \$2; Mrs. Marcella Ruth, 1835 South Throop Street, \$2; Mrs. Frantiska Skyta, Willsville, Wisconsin, \$1; Mrs. Ruzena Slezak, South Kolin and 31st Streets, \$1; Mrs. A. Hodik, 1738 West 13th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, \$1; Mrs. Anezka Zajicek, Coal City, Illinois, \$1; Mrs. Anna Zika, Century, Florida, \$1; Mrs. B. Mrazek, 2329 South Robey Street, 50 cents; Mrs. Bauer, 2018 South Loomis Street, 50 cents; Mr. Josef Tauchen, Paw Paw, Michigan, 50 cents.

To the flower offering fund for the deceased Mr. F. Habbart, the following persons contributed: Mr. Tomas Vavra, 2640 South Turner Avenue, \$1; Mr. P. Cepelak, 5138 west 22nd Place, 25 cents.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 24, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

We received contributions for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Bohemian Old People's Home at Brno, Czechoslovakia): The Rad Novy Domov, Zapadni Ceska Bratraska Jednota (New Home Lodge of the Western Bohemian Fraternal association) of Belvedere, South Dakota collected among its members on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Lodge, \$3.70.

The following also contributed to the same cause: Mr. F. J. Balanger of Sabine Pass, Texas, \$1.00; Mr. F. J. Nebuda of West Point, Nebraska, 25 cents. The following persons contributed to a floral offering for the grave of Mr. Habbart: Mr. Thomas Wanek of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, 50 cents; Mr. F. J. Nebuda of West Point, Nebraska, 25 cents; Mrs. Frances Hlavinka of Scappose, Oregon, 25 cents; and Mr. A. N. Pliva of Cordell, Texas, 25 cents.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 23, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

There were a number of contributions made in our offices this week for the popular Czechoslovak folk novelist, Mrs. M. P. Bilian. Thus, one lady contributed \$2 and expressed the hope that all who can will make contributions for the benefit of this deserving Czechoslovak lady. Mrs. Emilie Hacker, who was a classmate of Mrs. M. P. Bilian, brought in \$20.25 which had been collected by her. [Here follow the names of persons who contributed to this collection, and the amounts contributed. The list is one-tenth of a column long.]

The following people made further contributions: Mrs. Bozena Pancoska, 1904 West 35th Street, \$5; Mrs. Marie Vinicky, 1647 South Kedvale Avenue, \$2; Mrs. R. Slanec, 2620 Wilson Avenue, \$1; Mrs. Bozena Vytlacil, Minneapolis, Minnesota, \$1; Mrs. Anna Prochaska, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 50 cents; and Mr. F. J. Nebuda, West Point, Nebraska, 25 cents.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 16, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The following have contributed to the fund for Mrs. Popelka Bilian: An unnamed person, \$5; Mrs. F. Pechar of 4620 North Harding Avenue, \$2; Mr. J. Minovsky of Branch, Wisconsin, .50; Mrs. Marie Minovsky of Branch, Wisconsin, .50; Mrs. Gizela Zetek of 2734 West 15th Place, \$1; Mrs. Emilie Hacker of 2636 West 15th Place, \$1; Mrs. Marie Habada of Racine, Wisconsin, \$2; Mrs. Marie Jaros of 2550 South Troy Street, \$1; Mrs. Marie Hasek of Valparaiso, Indiana, \$2.

The following persons have contributed to the Brnenska Utulna (Bohemian old people's home at Brno, Czechoslovakia): Mrs. Josefa Vokoun, Phillips, Wisconsin, .75; Mrs. Jan Kacer, Deep River, Connecticut, .50; Mr. Charles Horejs, Omaha, Nebraska, .50.

Fifty cents has been contributed by [three persons] as a floral offering in honor of the deceased Mr. Habbart.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 9, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

During the wedding banquet held in honor of [the farmer] Miss Emilie Jecha, daughter of the well-known music teacher, Josef Jecha, and her bridegroom, Mr. E. Kral, the bridesmaids, Misses E. and T. Mares made a collection for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian old people's home and orphanage). The collection amounted to \$10, which sum was deposited with us.

During the wedding of Miss Barbora Kaspar and Mr. F. Stepanek, a collection was made for the benefit of the T. G. Masaryk Bohemian Free-Thought School. This collection amounted to \$6.25, which sum was deposited with us.

Mrs. Frances Matousek of Minnehik, Alberta, sent us twenty-five cents for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Bohemian old people's home at Brno).

The publishers of the Denni Hlasatel have contributed 2,000 Czechoslovakian

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crowns, or \$38.80, for the fund for Mrs. Popelka Bilian, the novelist. An unnamed person sent \$20 for the same fund. The total, therefore, is \$58. (There are more details about this in the woman's section of this newspaper.)

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Denni Hlasatel, July 6, 1922.

A TRULY NOBLE DEED

[Translator's note: Mr. W. F. Severa of Cedar Rapids, Iowa has given \$50,000 for the establishment of an American home for Czechoslovakian children suffering from heart disease. The home is to be in Czechoslovakia, and the gift thus far was the largest ever made by a single individual to the republic of Czechoslovakia.]

The site for the home was donated by the municipality of Brno.....Mr. Severa, who hopes that committees interested in the development of the home, will be formed in [all] the large cities of the United States where Czechoslovakians live, came to Chicago to arouse the interest of our local and charitable countrymen. They will certainly wish to support an institution of this kind. Since the summer months are not auspicious for [the gathering of funds] and the organizing of a committee, Mr. Severa will return to Chicago at a later date to stimulate interest in the project.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 6, 1922.

FROM THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

Beginning today, the offices of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost (Bohemian charitable association) located at 2603 South Kedzie Avenue will be open every day between the hours of 9 A. M. and 1 P. M. The offices will be closed on Saturdays until September 9, 1922, when they will be reopened, and will continue to be open on Saturdays as usual.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 25, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

To honor the memory of our correspondent Mr. Habart, \$3.50 was received in our office. [Name of contributors omitted in translation.]

Mrs. Marie Dusbaba of Hill Top, Charlevoix, Michigan, sent \$5 for the benefit of the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage).

Several countrymen and friends arranged a surprise party in honor of Mrs. M. Behensky, of 2643 West 20th Street, who is convalescing after a severe illness. During the course of the party, the Utulna was remembered by a collection which amounted to \$9.50. The money was deposited with us by Mrs. Marie Pecka.

Mrs. Marie Dusbaba of Hill Top, Charlevoix, Michigan, sent us \$5 for the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for the war orphans of Czechoslovakia.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 18, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

During the celebration of the thirtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. Frank and Mrs. Katerina Kalivoda, Mr. Vaclav Fridrich remembered the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) by collecting \$21.70 and depositing it for the aforementioned cause.

Miss Libuse Hajek of Riverside, Illinois....deposited four dollars with us for the benefit of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association)....Three dollars and seventy-five cents were mailed to us by Mr. Karel Nechansky of Crystal Lake, Illinois, Mrs. S. Jelinek of Beaufield, Saskatchewan, Canada; Mrs. Clara Pavlik of Allentown, Pennsylvania; and Mr. Fred Holubar of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno, Czechoslovakia).

Mr. M. Doucha of Antigo, Wisconsin, sent us twenty-five cents as a flower offering for the grave of Frank Habbart.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 14, 1922.

### FOR A NOBLE CAUSE

The Cesko-Delnicky Pevecký Sbor Lyra (Lyra Bohemian Workingmen Singing Society) has on many occasions touched the hearts of our countrymen by its willingness and readiness to co-operate whenever some good national or charitable cause was involved. It always assembled in full strength and sang with love and enthusiasm, only to prove that a group of singers, and above all, a group of kind and self-sacrificing people, can be happy when it is given an opportunity in some definite way to help where help is needed. The Lyra is a society of humble men who make no demands for a recognition. But it works, and a proof that it works is to be given on Friday night when the organization will again step before our public to show that it is fully aware of its mission in life. It will sponsor a concert which it has arranged itself for the benefit of the musical fund of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage).

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Denni Hlasatel, June 14, 1922.

The Sirotcinec, as is now well known, has an orchestra of its own which has been successfully organized and managed by our well-known national and charitable worker, Mr. R. Rubringer. The orchestra is in need of instruments, sheet music, and other indispensable paraphernalia, and all that requires more funds....The Sirotcinec itself has no money for this purpose, and the concert has been arranged to raise the necessary funds.

The concert, for which the Lyra and the orchestra of the Sirotcinec are now diligently rehearsing, will be held on Friday at 8 P. M., in the Carter H. Harrison High School, Marshall Boulevard and West 24th Street. The aforementioned singing society will perform the lion's share of that evening's program, which will be directed by the choir leader, Mr. Josef Kindl. Our well-known soprano, Mrs. Louisa Topinka, will also appear. Others, who will take part on the program are the violin virtuoso, Mr. Jiri Hrusa, and the very talented pianist, Miss Emilie Moser. As already stated, the orchestra of the

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Sirotcinec will play under the direction of Mr. R. Rubringer.

It would be desirable if the assembly hall of the Harrison School were filled with our people. The concert, which has been arranged with so much sacrifice and good will, should benefit the Sirotcinec greatly. Anyone who appreciates good music, may obtain tickets as advertised by the Denni Hlasatel.....

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Denni Hlasatel, June 12, 1922.

### PREPARATIONS FOR CHARITY CONCERT

The Cesko-Delnicky Pevecky Sbor Lyra (Lyra Bohemian Workingmens' Singing Society) is making noble efforts to arrange a concert for the benefit of the music fund of the Utulna A Sirotcinec. (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). These efforts should be fully recognized by everyone in our Czechoslovak communities of Chicago. The concert will take place next Friday evening in the Carter H. Harrison High School, and the program, for which the Society is now rehearsing, will furnish great aesthetic pleasures to all the friends of the musical art. The following persons and organizations will take part in the program: Mr. Jiri Hrusa, Mrs. Louisa Topinka, Miss Emilie Moser, the Sbor Lyra, members of the Maj /Ladies' singing society associated with the Sbor Lyra/, and an orchestra composed of the inmates of the Sirotcinec. The last named group will, on this occasion, be formally presented to our public....

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Denni Hlasatel, June 11, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Miss Libuse Hajek of Riverside, Illinois deposited \$5.00 with us for the benefit of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association)....

For the benefit of the Brnenská Utlina (Old People's Home in Brno, Czechoslovakia), Mrs. C. Krumal of Greenfield Center, New York, and Miss Kristina Vanek of Ellsworth, Kansas, deposited the sum of 75 cents.



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Denni Hlasatel, June 4, 1922.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Miss Ellen Raza and Miss Marie Hom lka made a collection for the benefit of the music fund of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). The collection amounted to \$29.50. [Names of donors and the amounts contributed by each are omitted in translation.]

Mrs. Frantiska Kral of 1532 South Karlov Avenue deposited \$3 with us for the benefit of the Utulna. This sum would otherwise have been used to purchase flowers for the grave of Vaclav Schwab.

Mrs. Rosalie Majer of Mishicot, Wisconsin sent \$3, and Mrs. Marie Psota of Ravenna, Nebraska sent \$1, for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno, Czechoslovakia).

We announce to all contributors that on June 3, 1922 we forwarded through the

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             to the Dr. Alice Masaryk fund for Czechoslovak war orphans, and \$41.60  
(or 2,165 Czechoslovak crowns) to the Brnenska Utulna. These two amounts were  
the totals of all contributions made to date for the above-named purposes.

Last Wednesday there was a party at the home of the well-known society worker, Mrs. Albina Pechan, 2256 South Troy Street. On that occasion a collection was made for the benefit of the Utulna and the Sirotcinec Svateho Josefa (Saint Joseph's Orphanage at Lisle, Illinois). The amount of \$10 was deposited with us. One half of that amount is to go to the Utulna, the other half to the Sirotcinec at Lisle, Illinois.

Denni Hlasatel, June 4, 1922.

FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE FISK STREET FIRE

Our countryman, Mr. Josef Voborny, whose collection for the benefit of the stricken families....we mentioned in our previous issue [Translator's note: See issue of June 1, 1922] distributed the money he thus collected among those families which suffered most because of fire damages. [The money collected totalled \$247. This amount was distributed among seven families, the names of which are omitted in translation.]....

Denni Hlasatel, June 1, 1922.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VICTIMS  
OF THE FISK STREET FIRE

Mr. John Oborny collected \$226 for the victims of the Fisk Street fire. Mr. Oborny will distribute this money among the families that suffered damage caused by the conflagration. [Names of donors and the amounts contributed by each are omitted in translation.]

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Denni Hlasatel, May 31, 1922.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE  
CZECHOSLOVAK-AMERICAN COMMERCIAL EXPEDITION TO  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Committee of the Cesko-Slovensko-Americka Obchodni Vyprava Do Cesko-Slovenska (Czechoslovak-American Commercial Expedition to Czechoslovakia) hereby submits its report to the members of the Expedition. The report is the result of a meeting held on board the steamship "George Washington" on Wednesday May 10, 1922.

The expenses of the Committee were as follows:

Newspaper ads . . . . .	\$201.20
Printed matter, etc. . . . .	78.75
An American flag to be presented to the Prague chamber of commerce .	68.90
Balance paid for insignia . . . . .	48.50
Cablegrams sent Bremen and to Czechoslovakia . . . . .	13.36
Total expenses . . . . .	<u>406.21</u>

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Denni Hlasatel, May 31, 1922.

Balance left in the treasury . . . . . \$479.00

(The aforesaid balance is all that remained from the five-dollar per capita fees paid by every member of the Expedition for defraying such expenses as hereinabove specified.) A gift of \$649.40 was made to the expedition committee by Mr. F. J. Skala; the gift is to be used for charity [in Czechoslovakia]. The grand total remaining in the treasury is \$1,129.00.

This amount shall be distributed among the most needy charitable institutions of Czechoslovakia. Following the recommendations made by the Chicago consul of Czechoslovakia, Dr. J. F. Smetanka, the committee decided to give two-thirds of the above sum to the Ceskoslovensky Cerveny Kruz (Czechoslovak Red Cross), the Ceske Srdce (Bohemian Heart [a child welfare organization]), and to a fund for the repatriation of the Pobelohorske emigrants. The remaining one-third shall be distributed among other charities whatever these may be....The committee reserves the right to dispose of the remaining one-third for such charitable purposes as it will see fit. Alderman Mr. Anton J. Cermak also donated 5,000

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Czechoslovak crowns to the committee which is to dispose of them as it will see fit. Mr. Jan Pecha, president of the Cesky Narodni Hřbitov (Bohemian National Cemetery) has \$500 which he received from the Cemetery Association. He is to distribute that amount among the Czechoslovak charities with the reservation that part of it is to go to the Bohemian legionnaires. Mr. Pecha decided to give \$200 to the Bohemian legionnaires' fund, and the balance to us the Committee. Our treasurer is to use that money for the most urgent charitable work. The committee decided to include Mr. Pecha as a member of the Committee which will supervise the distribution of all funds. Mr. Jan A. Sokol, an accredited member of the Ceskoslovenska Obchodni Komora v Chicagu (Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce of Chicago) was also appointed a member of the Committee.

Before leaving Chicago to join the expedition, Reverend Vaclav Vanek, arranged a charity concert in his church. Outstanding Czech artists such as Mr. and Mrs. Vaclav Jiskra and Mr. and Mrs. V. Lachek co-operated with Reverend Vanek in this venture. The concert netted \$195 which sum was distributed as follows: To the president of the expedition Mr. J. A. Valha \$50 to be used for the

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erection of a monument of the great Hussite warrior, Jan Zizka Z Trocnova; \$50 to Mr. V. Jiskra for the Czech legionnaires residing in his home town; \$50.00 to Mr. J. Dusek for the indigent families in Domazlice, Czechoslovakia; \$45 to Attorney M. Vesely for the poor people of his home town in Czechoslovakia. These gentlemen sold the tickets to the concert, and their wishes must be respected. The current expenses connected with the concert were defrayed by Reverend Vanek himself, so that every dollar received shall go to the causes specified.

Mr. Frank J. Zajicek, of Chicago, in response to an appeal made by the Deyluv Ustav Pro Slepce V Praze (Deyl's Institute for the Blind, in Prague) took with him three machines for the school of that institution. The machines are worth \$500. Besides that Mr. Zajicek took with him 36,000 Czechoslovak crowns as a gift to the Prague Institute for the Blind. The American Red Cross undertook to ship the machines without charge, and the Chicago Board of Education made a gift of maps for the blind valued at \$250.



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The Committee respectfully submits the above report. According to it there are about \$1,600 in cash which shall be devoted to Czechoslovak charities. It would do credit to the members of this Expedition if the above amount could be increased by \$400 so that \$2,000 could be devoted to charities in Czechoslovakia. We still lack these four hundred dollars. There are some wealthy countrymen among us who have joined the Expedition, and who still love their native land. Therefore, let us prove that love by making a collection which would raise \$400.....

It is with great pleasure that we are able to report that all of the members of the expedition, barring a few and very minor instances, were entirely satisfied with the arrangements made by the Committee of the Expedition. The advantages of such a joint expedition are many. Not the least important of these are the joint traveling via the Wabash and the Lackawanna Railroads, the expediting of all the baggage belonging to the members to and from the trains and to the steamship without charge, the information retailed, the counsels given, the medical care given by our Bohemian physician, Dr. O. S. Pavlik, who

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also joined us as a member of the Expedition--all this was done free of charge. The Committee is pleased that good humor prevailed throughout. Everything has gone well thus far. Let us show by our collective behavior that nothing but harmony exists among us, so that everybody may say that the Commercial Expedition arranged by the Czechoslovaks was successful, a statement that could not be made concerning other such expeditions which took place in the past.

J. K. Valha, president,  
Reverend Václav Vanek, secretary,  
Josef Dusek, treasurer.

The report of the Committee was accepted with great satisfaction by all those present, and upon the recommendation made by the secretary it was decided to collect the sum of \$400 from the assembled members..../Names of those contributing and the amount of each contribution are omitted in translation. It appears that only \$307 was collected and the committee hopes that the \$93

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required will be supplied by other members who were not present at this meeting. The article continues with a description of the trip made to New York City, impressions gained in that city, various and usual experiences on board the steamship "George Washington," etc. These are, for the most part, items which do not reveal anything very significant concerning the life or activities of the Chicago Bohemians. These travel memoirs have been written up in greater or less detail by Mrs. Josefina Beranek and are two and two thirds of a column long. /.....

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Denni Hlasatel, May 28, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mrs. Frantiska Placek of 2741 South Avers Avenue deposited \$10 with us for the benefit of the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) and \$5 for the benefit of the Sirotcinec Svateho Josefa (Saint Joseph's Orphanage at Lisle, Illinois).

For the benefit of Mrs. Anna Olson, a victim of a fire, Mr. Josef Voda deposited \$1.

Mrs. Marie Sabata, of Brainard, Nebraska, mailed \$5 for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home at Brno, Czechoslovakia).

The previously collected \$38.10 which was deposited with us for the benefit of the parents of Pavel Tomasic, who was killed in an automobile accident, were turned over to them through the kindness of Mrs. Anna Bachar and Mrs. Agnes Pappa. The Tomasic family express their gratitude to all who contributed to

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this collection.

At a surprise party arranged in honor of Mrs. V. Hurt by Mesdames M. Jedlicka and A. Vesely, of 3115 South Kedvale Avenue, and by Mrs. Antonie Luks, a collection was made by the said ladies in behalf of the Utulna. The collection totaled \$10 and that amount was deposited with us.

At the celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Josef Cekal, of 2654 South St. Louis Avenue, on May 21, 1922, Mr. Treml, one of the guests, remembered the Utulna and made a collection in its behalf. A total of \$4 was collected for this cause and deposited with us.....

At a surprise party arranged in honor of Mrs. Anna Bilvash by her neighbors in Cary, Illinois. Mrs. Marie Nosek made a collection for the benefit of the Utulna. The amount of \$5 was deposited with us.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 26, 1922.

RESULTS OF THE TAG DAY OF THE BOHEMIAN  
OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The tag day organized by the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) on May 15, 1922 brought \$1,919.17. [The amounts collected by each of the ladies are omitted in translation.] Our thanks go to these ladies who gave of their time that the tag day might be successful, and without their unstinting efforts such a success would have been impossible. We also thank Mr. Kostecka for his delivering of the empty boxes....and to Mr. Arthur Bitsky for taking the full boxes downtown. Our full gratitude goes to Mrs. Josefa Vich for her work in Cicero, Illinois. We are likewise indebted to Mrs. Boezner of Ceska Kalifornie (Bohemian California, [a Bohemian settlement in Chicago]), and finally to Mesdames Zahlava and Vellik, Mr. Zika, manager of the Pilsen Sokol, the Sokols themselves for granting us the use of their hall for our meetings....

The Committee of the Utulna.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 25, 1922.

THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION HOLDS A  
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

It has been a long time since the Pilsen Park pavilion saw such a select group of ladies as came yesterday afternoon to hold a strawberry festival for the benefit of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association). The festival was arranged by the Damský Odbor of the Společnost (Ladies' Auxiliary of the Association). The exalted and beautiful aim of this festival attracted so many of the foremost women workers of all our Bohemian societies that the spacious hall of the pavilion was filled to capacity. The large attendance at the festival was, first of all, a great satisfaction to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Společnost, proving to them that people understand the meaning and work of the Association. It also furnished an added stimulus to further work which will be greatly needed this year.

The splendid program, arranged by the chairwoman of the Ladies' Auxiliary,

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Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, began shortly after 2 P. M. with an address delivered by the chairwoman. Mrs. Cervenka mentioned the unpleasant fact that, due to some misunderstanding, the hall of the pavilion was engaged on the same day by two organizations, and that, therefore, it would be necessary to hasten all proceedings and speed up the program so that the hall might be emptied before the time of the meeting of the other organization.

The first number on the program was rendered by our soprano, Mrs. Marie Matejcek-Ort, who sang with unusual feeling the aria, "Ach Jaky Zal" (Oh, What a Sorrow) from Bedrich Smetana's opera, "Prodana Nevesta" (Bartered Bride)....She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Porak-Halina. The next item on the program was a group of dance numbers and prologues performed by the pupils of the Ivivera ballet school who acquitted themselves very well....Mrs. Helena Petru then sang Mendelssohn's "The Violet" and the well-known Czech folk song, "Pockej, Ja Povim" (Wait,

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I'll Tell on You). For an encore she sang another folk song, the popular piece "Kdyby k'je mila" (If, My Dear One). Mrs. Petru's songs were followed by Mr. Solar's xylophone solo which afforded much esthetic pleasure to the audience. He played....Weiss' well-liked "Fochod Cechoslovaku" (March of the Czechoslovaks). The performance was proof of the excellence of the instrument which was loaned for this occasion by the well-known firm, Solar Music House....Miss Jane Cervenka then played several piano pieces, "Baccio" (Kiss) by Arditi, and Anton Dvorak's "Prstynek" (Ringlet) being among the best-liked ones. It will be a long time before we shall again hear such a fine rendition of these two musical creations. Miles' "Sparklets" was chosen by Miss Cervenka as an encore. Her unusual artistic ability is much to be commended. It would be superfluous to try to praise the violin solos of Professor Jiri Brusa who played Fritz Kreisler's "Caprice Viennois" and Anton Dvorak's "Humoresque". Mr. Brusa is very well known among our people, and his violin technique is able to charm anybody.

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The young girls of the Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, accompanied on the piano by Professor Jiri Krusa, then gave a musical and dance number, "Hra Na Slepou Babu" (Blind Man's Buff). In this they were directed by the Sokol instructor, Mr. Matuska. The one-act play, "Zarlivec" (The Jealous Man), was then performed by the actors of the Roman Theater under the direction of Mr. Frantisek Lhotsky.... Since the usual address by the chairwoman Mrs. Cervenka was already delivered beforehand, the guests were now regaled with tasty strawberry shortcake and very good coffee. The refreshments were enthusiastically greeted by all....

This report would be incomplete were we to omit the names of the ladies who assumed the responsibilities of making the festival a success. It was first of all the well-known society worker, Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, who, as chairwoman of the entertainment committee, shouldered the greatest part of these responsibilities, and contributed much to the success of the event by her indefatigable work. To the other members of this committee

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we likewise owe much praise. They were: Mesdames Hajicek, Krupka, Zeman, Valha, Spatny, Rybic, and Curada. The entertainment committee was well pleased with the outcome of the festival, the financial profit of which left little to be desired. We congratulate [the members on their success].

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Several of our countrywomen attempted a collection for the benefit of the parents of the little boy, Pavel Tomasic, of 945 West 18th Street. As we announced in one of our previous issues, little Pavel was killed by an automobile. Mrs. Anna Miva deposited the amount of \$38.10 with us. /Names of donors and the amounts contributed by each are omitted in translation./

Denni Hlasatel, May 23, 1922.

RESULTS OF THE TAG DAY OF THE  
BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

The Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) which had a tag day on May 15, 1922, and for which ninety-two ladies volunteered as workers, reports that \$1,433.06 was collected. [The chairwoman of the tag day committee, Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, gives a detailed report on each of the volunteers. The list is one third of a column long.]

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Denni Hlasatel, May 21, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Our office received \$16.35 for the benefit of the Brnenska Utulna (Old People's Home of Brno, [Czechoslovakia]). [Names of contributors are omitted in translation.]

On the occasion of the celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Vaclav Heninger, Mesdames Josefa Kropik and B. Soucek made a collection for the benefit of the T. G. Maseryk Free Thought School of Cicero, Illinois. The total amount collected was \$18.20.

For the benefit of the victims of the Fisk Street fire \$2 was deposited with us by Mr. A. J. Martinek.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 17, 1922.

REPORT FROM THE UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

Contributions and gifts which reached the office of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) between April 31, 1922 and May 15, 1922 are hereby acknowledged [The names of contributors and the amounts contributed are omitted in translation. The list is four-fifths of a column long, and the total is \$261.11.] Besides the above gifts of money, a number of individuals sent to us articles of clothing, candies, sundry supplies, flour, and bakery goods. Dr. Liska gave his medical services freely. The White Cab Company, which is a Bohemian enterprise, furnished free transportation for fourteen of our children. The South Side Butchers' Union donated meats and bakery goods which were left over from one of their entertainments. There was enough meat to provide tasty dinners for all of the inmates for two days. We also received gifts of several musical instruments. Lodge No. 71 of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies Union) made us a gift of linen and materials for embroidering.

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In the name of the Utulna A Sirotcinec, I wish to thank all the generous givers, hoping that they will continue to favor us.....

Bohumil R. Fiser,  
Office manager of the Utulna A Sirotcinec.



Denni Hlasatel, May 17, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the victims of the Fisk Street fire, Mrs. Anna Kinter and Mrs. Anna Ginner, both residing at 1828 Fisk Street, deposited \$40.63 with us. This money is to go to Mrs. Rosie Znojil of 1035 West 20th Street. /Names of donors and the amounts contributed by each are omitted in translation./

Denni Hlasatel, May 13, 1922.

LAST CALL MADE BY THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

Only two more days remain before the tag day....In order that its results might be as successful as possible the co-operation of our Czechoslovak women and girls is needed. I issue, therefore, this call to you: Come and swell the ranks of our workers; consecrate Monday, May 15 to this most worthy cause to aid our poorest families. On this occasion let Your own hearts dictate to You and act accordingly. Picture to Yourselves Your own happy homes surrounded by comforts, your children well provided for against the inclemencies of weather care-free and happy; and then, by contrast, recall the unhappy conditions in which some of our suffering countrymen may be found: the head of the family bedridden, his wife tired out by incessant drudgery and unable to continue her work, the children half naked and exposed during their earliest infancy to the ravages and miseries of life....The charms of a happy fireside are not theirs to taste, unhappily do they live their childhood and it is quite possible that many of them would perish were it not for the work which the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) is doing to alleviate their misery and to

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render effective aid whenever and wherever it is needed.

To accomplish its purposes fully, the Spolecnost must have a source of income, and for that purpose it was included among the rest of the charitable organizations of the city of Chicago which are to have a joint tag day on May 15, 1922. Our organization will participate in this and will cover the Bohemian sections of the city. We shall not have any specially distinguishing insignia, but in spite of it, give of your substance whether it is for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) or for us. Do not hesitate to give. He who gives now gives doubly. Open your hearts on this day and remember that we are the sons and daughters of a great mother--Mother Bohemia--and help! The knowledge that You have performed a good deed will warm your hearts....Therefore swell the ranks of our volunteer workers; make applications now and thus discharge your duties at once both charitable and national.

Should there be someone among you who wishes to make a larger contribution,

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let him send such a contribution directly to the Spolecnost or to the chairwoman of the tag day committee, Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, 2438 South Lawndale Avenue. All contributions will be acknowledged with thanks. We also request that all the women members of the Spolecnost give their correct addresses so that our office records may be complete. Many of the letters sent by us were returned due to changes of address.

Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, chairwoman.

Denni Hlasatel, May 12, 1922.

COLLECTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CZECH VICTIMS OF  
THE FISK STREET FIRE

Mrs. Anna Kinter and Mrs. Anna Ginner, both residing at 1828 Fisk Street, made a further collection for the benefit of those Bohemian families which suffered in the great fire last week which destroyed their homes and property on Fisk Street. This time forty dollars was turned over to us.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 11, 1922.

### THE ANNUAL TAG DAY

Next Monday will be the annual tag day for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) and the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association). All the charitable associations of Chicago are united into one organization and our Bohemian charity is represented in that body which, together with the City Council, also gives permission to our charitable institutions to organize tag days. Our general Czechoslovak public will, therefore, have an opportunity on Monday to show its sympathies to our most important institutions. The Cesky Narodni Hřbitov (Bohemian National Cemetery) is likewise represented in these charities. It is the only day in the year which affords an opportunity for these charitable bodies to appear before the general public asking for aid to which they are undoubtedly fully entitled, and which should be given to them.

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To make this tag day a success it is necessary for a large number of ladies to volunteer as tag day workers. Their work will be hard but deserving of merit, and they should endeavor to secure as large contributions as possible. It is for this reason that the board of directors of the Utulna asks that ladies who have not yet volunteered come to the Plzensky Sokol (Pilsen Sokol) on Saturday morning, and receive full instructions as to their duties and the locality to which each will be assigned.

The Spolecnost made a similar appeal to our self-sacrificing women and girls who are to get in touch either with the chairwoman of the tag day committee, Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, by calling Lawndale 4501, or directly with the office of the Spolecnost whose telephone is Rockwell 1787. Next Saturday there will be a meeting of all the volunteer workers who will likewise receive their instructions. It is desirable in the interest of this good cause that there be as many applicants as possible.

Denni Hlasatel, May 9, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Yesterday we received thirty-three dollars more for the benefit of the families which were affected by the Fisk Street fire. The above amount was collected by Mrs. Stefanie Pizar of 1012 West 19th Street. Names of donors and the amounts contributed by each are omitted in translation.



Denni Hlasatel, May 8, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Below are the names of contributors and amounts of contributions made by them in behalf of the destitute Bohemian families who suffered loss because of the Fisk Street conflagration. The ladies who undertook the collection on behalf of these families....found an able assistant in the person of Mrs. Marie Kasak, 1827 Fisk Street, who collected \$120.51. This amount was deposited with us for the benefit of the stricken families of Mrs. Helen Petrovec, Mrs. Rosie Kopejtko, and Mrs. Kate Slavsky. [Translator's note: Here follow the names of contributors and the amounts contributed. The list is half a column long and is omitted in translation.]

Whoever desires to make further contributions to this cause may send them to Mrs. Anna Hinter or Mrs. Anna Ginner, 1828 Fisk Street.

Denni Hlasatel, May 7, 1922.

A CALL FROM THE CESKA DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST

On May 15, 1922 the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) will have its tag day....It is the only day in the year on which the Spolecnost is enabled to meet its obligations and aims fully--to help our indigent families as much as possible. To make the proceeds of the tag day as large as possible, we need the help of our Czechoslovak women to sell tags. We need about one hundred women for this work, and about ten substitutes in case of fatigue.

The poets have extolled the heart of a woman as a noble organ; let us prove that this is not a mere empty phrase, and that our Czechoslovak women and girls besides harboring the most beautiful feeling--love--have another feeling besides--that of charity and compassion for their fellow countrymen whom they are willing to bring the most indispensable aid. Let us therefore prove our understanding for a holy cause and call or telephone to the chairwoman of the tag day committee of the Spolecnost. The telephone numbers are Lawndale 4501 and Rockwell 1787.

Denni Hlasatel, May 7, 1922.

Next Saturday, May 13, there will be a meeting of all volunteers to whom will be issued instructions and other necessary advice, and to whom places will be assigned for the said tag day....Let the number of voluntary workers surprise our Czechoslovak colony, and let our motto be: "Aid and more aid!" The committee obtained some charming prizes, and these will be awarded to those ladies who collect the largest amounts.

For the Tag Day committee of the Spolecnost,  
Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, chairwoman of the committee.

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Denni Mlasatel, May 7, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

On April 30, 1922 Mr. and Mrs. Kridberg celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. On this occasion their daughters and sisters arranged a surprise party for them in the T. G. Masaryk School, Cicero, Illinois, and a collection was made by Mrs. Srp for the benefit of the T. G. Masaryk School. Ten dollars was deposited with us.

Mrs. Anna Matiecka, instead of making the usual floral offering, for the grave of her recently deceased brother, Mr. Martin Blazek, deposited three dollars with us for the benefit of the Sirotcinac Svatoho Josefa (Saint Joseph's Orphanage, of Lisle, Illinois) and the Utulna Sirotcinac (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage).

For the benefit of the Brnenski Utulna (Orphanage at Brno, [Czechoslovakia]), Mesdames L. Starek, of Benton, Kansas, and Rozalie Hajer, of Mishicot, Wisconsin, deposited one dollar with us.

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Mrs. Marie Bartusck, of Westfield, Massachusetts, sent two dollars for the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund, for children in Czechoslovakia, and the Brnenska Utulna.

Denni Hlasatel, May 5, 1922.

CHARITABLE ACTION IN BEHALF OF OUR  
CHICAGO COUNTRYMEN

After the great fire last Tuesday, which destroyed the property of several of our countrymen on Fisk Street, a laudable effort was made to aid those families which had been impoverished by the fire. The families which suffered most were those of Mrs. Katerina Slavsky, Mrs. Rose Korejka, and Mrs. Helena Petrovsky. None of them were insured against the ravages of fire, and their household goods were entirely destroyed, and they themselves were placed in a very pitiable situation. Mrs. Anna Kinter and Mrs. Anna Ginner, both of 1828 Fisk Street, therefore took up a collection in behalf of the destitute families. It must be said that their efforts were successful wherever they asked for aid for their suffering countrywomen. Everywhere compassionate neighbors responded and contributed willingly of their own substance. [Translator's note: The names of contributors and the amounts contributed are omitted in translation.] The total amount, which was deposited with the Denni Hlasatel, was \$59.60.

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Compassionate countrymen, who would desire to make further contributions to this cause, may send them to the two collectors mentioned above [Mrs Anna Kinter and Mrs. Anna Ginner] whose addresses also appear above.

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Jenni Hlasatel, Apr. 30, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mrs. Marie Kriz of Saint Paul, Minnesota, mailed us \$1 for the benefit of the Bohemian orphanage in Brno, Czechoslovakia. To honor the memory of Mrs. Farajzl \$8 was received....from Mrs. Toman and Mrs. Anna Kalal.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 29, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

In the Cornell Square Park field house, on the occasion of a reception of new members of the Spolek Matek, cis. 3 (Bohemian Gold Star Mothers' Club No. 3), all of whom were either the mothers or the wives and sisters of fallen Bohemian soldiers of the World War, a collection was attempted for the benefit of crippled soldiers. The collection totaled, \$15.70. One hundred and fifty-seven new members were initiated. Names of donors and the amounts contributed by each are omitted in translation. The total of all contributions (not the above figure) was \$66.20.7 The Spolek wishes all members to know that it is most grateful.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mr. Joseph Seidl, of 2519 South Whipple Street, deposited five dollars with us for the benefit of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association).

One dollar was sent to us as a contribution for the aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. Mucera, of Table Rock, Nebraska.

For the Dr. Alice Masaryk fund for the war orphans of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Dzurian sent one dollar.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 23, 1922.

### BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR ORPHANAGE

The Damsky Pomocny Spolek Ceskeho Sirotcinec (Ladies' Aid Society of the Bohemian Orphanage) is making extensive preparations for an entertainment to be given in the Pilsen Park pavilion on April 27, 1922. As in all previous affairs arranged by this excellent organization, this one has been prepared to aid our orphans as much as possible. The Spolek consists of four hundred Bohemian ladies residing in Chicago, Cicero, Berwyn, Oak Park, and Riverside, Illinois, and from the time of its foundation to this day it has been tirelessly active in behalf of the Bohemian Orphanage.

In its last meeting, conducted by Mrs. Alma Marek, the Spolek listened attentively to a motion made by her. According to the motion the Spolek was to furnish all the necessary paraphernalia for a gymnasium of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), and agreed unanimously to do so. The sum of \$600 is required to purchase this equipment, but the ladies are so active that the required sum will soon be realized. The fact

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that during the six years of its existence the Spolek was able to clothe the orphans at a cost of 10,000 is sufficient proof of its successful activity. It is to be hoped that this new project will be as easily accomplished as all the previous ones, and that the Pilsen Park pavilion will be filled to capacity next Thursday.

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TAG DAY OF THE CESKA DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST

The Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) will have its own tag day this year on the joint tag day which was scheduled for May 15, 1922. One hundred and twenty-five ladies are needed to sell tags. Some of them have already offered their services for this noble cause. The tag day committee, whose chairwoman is Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, of 2438 South Lawndale Avenue, (telephone number Lawndale 1501), asks the ladies who are willing to offer their services on that day to call either Mrs. Cervenka or the office of the Spolecnost which is located at 2603 South Kedzie Avenue, telephone, Rockwell 1787. Fifty more ladies are needed to make the tag day a financial success. The Spolecnost spends about \$10,000 annually supporting the deserving indigent Czech families, and more money for the continuation of this charitable work is sorely needed.

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TO AID A SUPERANNUATED CZECH ACTRESS

The Czechoslovak people of Chicago, in order to show their recognition and appreciation of an artist who has aged in the service of her muse Thalia, and who was so cruelly visited by fate....have united to express that recognition to Mrs. Eliska Novak. Mrs. Novak was for several decades a recognized artist of Bohemia and Moravia. Fate brought her to America where her talent served her well....For her benefit, the Narodni Divadlo (National Theater) of Chicago, under the directorship of Mr. Krejci, produced the well-known operetta "Kouzlo Valciku" (The Charm of Waltz). Everybody who was able has contributed either morally or materially to make this occasion a success. The actors gave their services gratis; the Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs furnished its hall free; our newspapers gave their space for this occasion without charge; the printing establishment of Mejdrich and Kalik printed the posters free of charge; and last but not least, the audience likewise contributed by attending the play on a day

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which was characterized by bad weather. In spite of the last named obstacle, all seats were sold and the hall of the Sokol was filled to capacity. The performance and stage setting were very fine.

After the second act, the veteran aged actress had to make a curtain speech. It was brief but hearty, and thanked all who contributed to the success of the evening. Mr. Krejci then appeared before the curtain and addressed the audience. He pointed out the work done by Mrs. Elizka Novak, her sacrifices for the sake of her nation and her art, and emphasized the duties which devolve upon us to make her old age bearable. Though penniless, she has the knowledge that she is not deserted and forgotten, and that should make her happy.

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PLZENSKE FESACKY

The social and benevolent society, Plzenske Fesacky (Chic Women of Pilsen), arranged a surprise party for one of the members, Mrs. Berta Rydl, on April 11, 1922. The occasion served also for a collection which was made for the benefit of the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). The proceeds, four dollars and fifty cents was deposited with us. One dollar by an anonymous giver was mailed to us to be transmitted to the Utulna.....

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A MEETING OF THE DELEGATES TO THE UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

The regular meeting of the delegates to the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage) was held yesterday in the hall of the Cesko-Slovenske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies), 18th and May Streets....The meeting began at 8 P. M. It was presided over by Mr. Vojta Suchy and attended by a large number of delegates....Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The reading of letters followed....and all incoming bills were approved and ordered paid.

The secretary of the board of directors of the Utulna then read the minutes of two meetings of the board as follows: The meeting of March 31, 1922 took place in the Husuv Dum (John Huss Memorial Building). This meeting was a conference concerning the creation of a reserve fund. The representatives of the Bohemian banking institutions attended. They were: Mr. Lonek, of the Adams State Bank; Mr. Vilem F. Kosobud, of the American State Bank; Mr. E. F. Silha, of the First National Bank of Cicero; Mr. Evzen W. Kaspar, of the Kaspar State Bank.

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The bank representatives as well as the attending members of the board gave their opinions regarding the creation of the reserve fund. The whole matter was discussed in great detail and the creation of the fund was unanimously approved. The fund will be handled and managed by the Maspar State Bank. Everybody agreed that the fund will be safely deposited there and that it will be properly managed and increased.

The other meeting of the board took place on April 7, 1922 in the office of the board. Messrs. Dyzen Maspar, E. F. Silva, and Frank Laver attended that meeting also. Mr. Laver, who is a lawyer for the Maspar State Bank, after elucidating the matter, submitted a resolution by which the president and the secretary of the Utulna are empowered to sign an agreement with the Maspar State Bank, thus making it possible for the fund to become a fact. By that agreement the said bank is bound to protect all moneys of the Utulna, to purchase bonds and mortgages, to collect all interest accrued, to furnish statements about the fund, and generally to manage conscientiously all matters relative to it for a payment of one eighth of one per cent of the total amount deposited, which,

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according to estimates, would be about \$25 annually. The offer by the Kaspar State Bank was willingly accepted by the board of directors of the Utulna and by the delegates. It was further decided to hire the services of a certified public accountant for our institution, and the position was given to Mr. S. J. Viescor, 11 South La Salle Street, who is of Czech origin, and who can be of help to us by auditing all of our books and accounts. Mr. Suchy then announced that he intends to secure the services of some radio station which would advertise the work of our Utulna.

The next item which came up for discussion was the preliminary work necessary for the building of a swimming pool for the children. The pool is to be furnished by the ladies auxiliary of the Pilsen Brewery Company. Mr. James F. Stepina sent us a check for \$80 which amount is to be used for the purchase of furnishings of a room which bears his name. A bill for \$125, sent by the firm Kroupa and Smejkal, attorneys, for some legal work done by that firm in behalf of the Utulna, was deferred for later action. The board of directors knows nothing about any legal work having been done by that firm.

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The payment of a premium of \$50 to insure the cashier against theft was approved. The face value of the policy is \$2,000.

The matter of the reserve fund was then thoroughly discussed, and....the resolution [empowering the president and the secretary of the board] was read in English and Bohemian. After a lengthy debate in which Messrs. Zrust, Suchy, Novak, Spinar, Leahman, and Petru, and Mrs. Lorenz took part, it was unanimously decided to let the Kaspar State Bank manage the fund, and to let the board of directors take the necessary steps in that direction. The treasurer, Mr. Petru, reported that he received the obligatory amount of \$1,252.50 from the county, this sum covering the months of December, January, and February. He also announced that Mr. Charles A. Krizek, who is the president of the Atlas Baking Company, a well-known Czech enterprise, will have a radio installed for the inmates of the Utulna. Mr. Novak representing the committee on accounts made a report of the work of his committee which examined the books, checking accounts, etc....The expenses during the month of March, 1922 amounted to \$2,383.43; the income for that month was \$1,894.27....

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 15, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

....The Letem-Svetem Klub (Globe-trotters' Club) reports a gift of ten dollars to the Detsky Sirotcinec v Michli u Prahy (Childrens' Orphanage in Michle near Prague) and ten dollars to Mrs. Marie Nedbal, a widow of a Czechoslovak legionnaire....

V. Petras, Secretary,  
1840 South Allport Street,  
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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The druggist, Mr. Louis Scheffel, mailed us a check for \$5 which is to be transmitted to the Utulna A Sirotcinec in the name of the Chicago Retail Druggists Association. The latter organization has a special fund for the purchase of flowers for the graves of deceased members; the recently deceased member, Mr. Vojta Vavra, expressed a wish before his demise, however, that no flower offerings were to be made, and therefore a gift of ten dollars was made for a good cause. Of this amount five dollars was given to the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old Peoples' Home and Orphanage) and five dollars to the Sirotcinec Svateho Josefa (Saint Joseph's Orphanage, at Lisle, Illinois). The gift for the Saint Joseph's Orphanage was mailed to the publishing office of the Narod. We may add that the Bohemian druggists of Chicago are very active in the aforementioned druggist's association, and that this year they have three Czech officials--Messrs. Louis Scheffel, Frantisek Dubsky, and Frantisek Kara.

Five dollars was mailed to us by M. T. [only initials given] for the Ceska

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Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association).

Three and one-half dollars was mailed to us for the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for the War Orphans of Czechoslovakia and for the starving Russian children.

Mr. Josef Suchyna sent us two dollars which is to be used for some good cause.

Mrs. Anna Subrt, of Table Rock, Nebraska, sent one dollar for the Stodola family.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 14, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

[A Correction]

In our yesterday's issue we erroneously reported that Mr. Velat deposited the sum of ten dollars for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). The correct amount received by us from Lodge No. 141 of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies Union) was three dollars.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 13, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

As a result of an election bet concerning the eligibility of a foreign-born individual to the office of the President of the United States....five dollars was deposited with us by Mr. Svejksky and Mr. Durkovic for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage).

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mr. Velan paid to the officials of the Spravedlnost (Justice) Lodge No. 141 of the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Bohemian Ladies Union) the sum of ten dollars for the benefit of the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). This money was part of a life insurance policy which the said Jednota paid to Mr. Velan after the death of his wife, Mrs. Kuzena Velan. The contribution was deposited with us.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 12, 1922.

### FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Lodge No. 29 of the Slovanska Podporujici Jednota (Slavonic Benevolent Union) celebrated its twenty-fourth anniversary recently. On that occasion a collection was made for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), and a lamb has been raffled off. The proceeds from all this amounted to ten dollars which has been deposited with us by the treasurer of the Jednota, Mrs. Emilie Kostal.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 9, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

At a party arranged in honor of Mrs. Anastazie Fencel, of 1924 South Loomis Street, a lamb was raffled off for \$6.00. This amount was deposited with us for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). For this same institution, Mr. M. Nicholas of Odessa, Washington, mailed us \$1.00.

For the Dr. Alice Masaryk fund for the Czechoslovak war orphans, \$1.75 was received [from various individuals].

Two dollars was deposited with us for the benefit of the Kucera family of Table Rock, Michigan. [Names of donors omitted in translation.]

For the family of J. Stodola, \$1.50 was received. [Names of donors omitted in translation.]

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 2, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the Kucera family of Table Rock, Nebraska, 50¢ was deposited with us;  
for the benefit of the Stodola family of Alanson, Michigan we received \$1.50;  
for the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for the war orphans of Czechoslovakia, 25¢.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 26, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Denni Hlasatel, received the following contributions: For the benefit of the Kucera family of Table Rock, Nebraska, \$4.25; for the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for the orphans of Czechoslovakia, \$1; for the Stodola family of Alanson, Michigan, 50¢.

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CHICAGO BOHEMIANS OPEN CHARITY DRIVE  
FOR THEIR HOMETOWN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Mr. Jan Stanek, who visited the old homeland last summer, spent some time in his native town of Lukavec. He found that the people of this town were in great want and misery, and decided that something should be done for them. He also found the local Sokol Gymnastic Association to be in need of assistance. For this reason, a committee consisting of many of our Chicago countrymen was formed, and a collection in behalf of the suffering Lukavec residents started. We ask those countrymen whom we have not yet called upon to contribute as much as they can afford to this collection. The names of all contributors and the amounts of their contributions will be duly published. The residents of Lukavec will also read about it. Thus far, \$118 has been collected. List of contributors are omitted in translation. The collection committee consists of Messrs. John Stanek, 1907 South Allport Street; Jan Zach, 1642 South Harding Avenue; John Musil, 1404 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 23, 1922.

### FOR THE STARVING RUSSIAN CHILDREN

The Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku (National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics of America) announces that further contributions to the fund for the starving Russian children were made by individuals and organizations. /Names of contributors and the respective sums are omitted in translation./ The total is \$374.90, which, added to the previously collected \$634.18, makes a grand total \$1,009.08. Thus, the first thousand dollars contributed by Bohemian Catholics to aid the children of Russia was collected in a relatively short time. This fact does honor to our name in our desire to be helpful to our Slavic brethren, particularly when we look around and compare our efforts with those of other Bohemian organizations. But let us keep up the good work.

Reverend Prokop Neuzil, O. S. B. [Order of Saint Benedict] sent us all the contributions he had received; the reverend gentleman agrees with us that all gifts ought to be concentrated in one organization--the Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku--which then may proceed to act in the name of all the Bohemian



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We have [already] forwarded the third shipment [of money], \$369.38, to the Right Reverend Dr. Stojan for which he mailed us a receipt for 21,028 Czechoslovak crowns. This sum was applied to aid the children of Russia. All in all we sent \$920.03; our fourth shipment will be forwarded as soon as the contributions increase. Thus, everybody may see that our aid has really been immediate. We ask all those who possess a noble heart and are able to help the Russian children, to continue this noble work.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 19, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Zabavni a Vzdelavaci Spolek "Drevak" (Drevak Social and Benevolent Society) deposited \$5 with us /the Denni Hlasatel/ for the benefit of the Utulna a Sirot-cinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage).....

Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 18, 1922.

### MEETING OF THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the board of directors of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) took place yesterday in the offices of the Association, located on Kedzie Avenue near 26th Street. Mr. John A. Sokol presided. The reason for this meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Reverend Vaclav Vanek, who is the secretary of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved..... A new member of the board of directors, Mr. Tomas Chval, was introduced. Mrs. Marie H. Krizan, the office manager of the association, read a letter from the Chicago Federation of the Aged and Adult Charities, in which the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost is informed that the membership fee for the year 1922 is five dollars. This amount was paid to the Federation. At this point, there was an election of representatives of the Spolecnost to the Chicago Federation. Three ladies were chosen for this appointment. They are Mesdames Sophie Kremba, Antonie Kybic, and Marie Krizan. Thereupon, the president declared that election of officers for the

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fiscal year were in order. The results were as follows: For the office of president, Mr. Anton J. Cernak; for vice-president of the first district, Mr. John A. Sokol; vice-president of the second district, Mr. Charles J. Novak; vice-president of the third district, Mrs. Josefina Bernek; vice-president of the fourth district, Mr. Karel V. Janovsky; vice-president of the fifth district, Mr. John Krupka. Reverend Vaclav Vaneh was re-elected to the office of secretary, and as his amanuensis, Mr. Josef P. Bolek was chosen. Dr. F. L. Fortelka retained his office of financial secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Antonie Kybic was elected to the office of investigator. After the elections, Mr. Sokol relinquished his post to Mr. Cernak. The latter gentlemen delivered a brief address of acceptance, and the meeting continued.

Since the tag day of the Chicago Federation of the Aged and Adult Charities will take place on May 15, 1922, and since our Ceska Dobrocina Spolecnost will take an active part in it, the appropriate committee for this occasion was appointed, consisting of the following members of the board of directors: Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, chairman; members of the committee, Mesdames Kybic,

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Krupka, Krizan, Kreml, Zeman, Hajicek; and Messrs. Bolek, Chval, Novak, Janovsky, Stepanek, Pflaum, and Laadt.....Since there was no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Denni Blasatel, Mar. 3, 1922.

UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

To honor the memory of the deceased Mrs. Fanny Paraizl of Ennis, Texas, who was a correspondent of the Denni Blasatel, her friend Mrs. Toman, also one of our correspondents, deposited with us the sum of three dollars for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). The management of the aforesaid institution is requested to make arrangements to collect this amount together with other money deposited with us in its behalf.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 28, 1922.

COLLECTION FOR BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

At a surprise party given in honor of Mrs. Anna Sterba and Mrs. Marie Krenek in the dining hall of Mr. Rendek, Turner Avenue and 27th Street, our charitable institutions were remembered by a collection which netted \$13.20. Of this sum \$6.60 shall go to the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), and \$6.60 to the Sirotcinec Svateho Josefa v Lisle, Illinois (Saint Joseph's Orphanage, at Lisle, Illinois). The entire amount was deposited in the branch office of the Denni Hlasatel in the Vojta Naprstek School through the kindness of Mr. D. Pesice.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

An unnamed person sent us \$10 for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). This gift is a sort of expiatory act for certain wrongs committed by that person in the past....

Mr. Josef Culek, of Prague, Nebraska, sent \$7.15 for the benefit of Valecny' Sirotcinec Joaneum V Praze (Joaneum War Orphanage of Prague, Czechoslovakia).

For Vilem Koukola's destitute family, Mr. John Budilovsky transmitted \$10 which was collected by the Cesky Lev, Cislol (Bohemian Lion Lodge No. 1) of the Cesko-Americti Lesnici (Bohemian-American Order of Foresters).....

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 26, 1922.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The ladies of the Zabavni A Podporujici Spolek Krajanek Z Myta A Okoli (The Social and Benevolent Society of the Countrymen from Myto and Vicinity) arranged a soiree in the hall of Mr. Studeny, on 26th Street and Avers Avenue. After the installation of officers, Misses Mary Jedlicka and Anna Vesely took up a collection for the benefit of the Utulna A Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old Peoples' Home and Orphanage). The collection netted \$9.10 which sum was deposited with us to be transmitted to the aforementioned charitable institution.

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### FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Valha, 3139 Ridgeland Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in Hawthorne Park. Surrounded by their relatives and friends, they partook of a sumptuous meal during which several toasts were drunk to honor their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary....on this occasion, a collection for the benefit of the Sirotcinec Svateho Josefa v Lisle, Illinois (Saint Joseph's Orphanage of Lisle, Illinois), the Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), and the Cesky Narodni Hrbitev (the Bohemian National Cemetery), was taken up by the Reverend Frantisek Bozenek and Mr. A. Snabl. In a short time \$55 was collected, one-half of which will go to the Utulna Svateho Josefa v Lisle, Illinois and the other half to the other two institutions.

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TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOHEMIAN  
CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION  
Meeting Held on February 17, 1922

The Česká Dobročinná Společnost of the city of Chicago is meeting today, in its twelfth annual meeting, for the purpose of reporting on its past year's activity. Since its founding in February, 1910, it has paid out a total of \$64,429.19. The cash remaining in the treasury of the association at the end of 1921 was \$7,059.82. It has, therefore, collected \$71,489.01 during the twelve years of its existence. During the annual meeting held on February 23, 1921, a board of directors, consisting of twenty-four members, was organized as follows:

Directors whose turn of office will end in 1924: Reverend Václav Vaněk, Karel Janovský, Anton Beránek, Jan Krupka, John A. Sokol, Anton Zeman, Dr. F. L. Fortelka, Anton V. Štěpánek.

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Directors whose term of office will terminate in 1923: Frank G. Hajíček, Frank J. Petru, Roman Sedláček, Anton Laadt, J. F. Bolek, Stanislav Loula, Anton J. Čermák, Josef Maleček.

Directors whose term will end in 1922: Otto Kerner, John A. Červenka, Edward Kvidera, V. Čihák, Louis Šolar, Dr. F. E. Dostál, Charles J. Novák, William K. Pflaum.

For the ladies' auxiliary, the following members were elected to the board of directors: Mrs. Antonie Kybic, Mrs. Sophie Kreml, Mrs. Marie Sokol. The representative of the newspaper Svornost is Miss Adela Fiala; for the Denní Hlasatel, Mr. Albert Havránek; for the Národ, Mr. Tomáš Kraus.

During the annual meeting, a propaganda committee, consisting of twelve members, was also appointed. [There follows a list of committee members.] Their duties will be to secure new members for the association.

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At the meeting of the board of directors on the first Friday of the month in March, 1921, there was an election of new officers, with the following results: Stanislav J. Loula, president; John A. Sokol, vice-president for the Bohemian "California" district; Karel J. Novak, vice-president for the Pilsen district; Mrs. Josef Peranek vice-president for the Tabor district; Karel V. Janorsky, for the Town of Lake district; Jan Krupka, vice-president for the out-of-town districts; Reverend Vaclav Vank, secretary; Josef Malecek, financial secretary; Louis Solar, treasurer; Miss Marie J. Huttner, office manager; Mrs. Antonie Kybic, special investigator.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the board of directors, there was a meeting of the propaganda committee. Mr. Vladimir Spatny was elected president; Mrs. Frantiska Stejskal received the secretaryship; and Mrs. Tomas Mallal became the treasurer.

Other committees appointed by the president were: [There follows a long list of committees and their members.]

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The meetings of the board of directors took place twice every month, except during the summer months of July and August. The members of the board participated actively in these meetings.

The membership drive, under the leadership of Vladimír Špatný, was launched on March 21, 1921, and lasted six weeks. It brought \$1,750 in membership dues. When one considers that the total proceeds from membership dues for the year 1921 was \$2,048, it becomes evident that the committee appointed for the drive did a fine piece of work. Mr. Tomáš Kállal was treasurer, Mrs. Františka Stejskal was secretary, and the propaganda work through the medium of the press was headed by the secretary of the Společnost, Reverend Václav Vaněk.

The tag day was held on Decoration Day, that is, on May 30, 1921. The City Council of Chicago gave a special permit to the Společnost to tag on that day, thanks to the work of Alderman Anton J. Čermák. Sixty-five ladies took part in it, and the proceeds from this source were \$1,202.16. The entire

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undertaking was directed by the chairman of the committee, Mr. Charles J. Novák, and by the secretary, Mrs. Marie J. Huetter.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Harrison High School, through our intervention, donated twenty-three baskets to families recommended by us.

The annual ball was given on November 16 in the pavilion of Pilsen Park. It was fashioned after entertainments given in our old homeland. [In other words] Czechoslovak national costumes were worn. The group dances were performed by the Slováký Vzdělávací Klub (Slovak Educational Club); the originality of the decorations in the ballroom surprised everybody. The musical program, under the direction of the band leader, Mr. Rudolf Rubringer, satisfied both the older and the younger generations.

A tasty evening meal was served in a true, festive manner by the self-sacrificing members of the ladies' auxiliary. Contributions to the evening meal were made by the following: Hruška and Company donated one crate of cranberries;

Mr. Komárek gave a sack of potatoes; Mr. Vízenský, six dozen eggs; the J. J. Dušek Company, ten pounds of butter; Mr. A. W. Štěpánek, 75 pounds of flour; Mr. Mikuláš, five quarts of cream; Mr. Emil Petru, twenty-five pounds of coffee; Novák Company, ten pounds of coffee; the firm of Bieler Brothers donated sauerkraut. The attendance at this ball was tremendous, and the net proceeds amounted to \$2,304.13. Five prizes for the ladies and five for the gentlemen were given to those countrymen who were attired in the most beautiful national costumes. The first prize for the ladies was a diamond ring valued at \$100 and donated by the firm of goldsmiths, F. Kohout; it was given to Miss Berta Stupka. The second prize was a bridge lamp valued at \$40, donated by the Tábor Supply Company; this prize went to Miss Slávka Košner; the third prize, a rocking chair valued at \$37 and donated by the Sekera Company, was won by Miss Terezie Sokol; the fourth prize, a woman's dress valued at \$35 and donated by the Central Clothing Company, was awarded to Miss S. Štípek; the fifth prize, a dressing table set valued at \$10 and donated by the pharmacist Mr. Havránek, was given to Mrs. E. Vondraš.



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The first prize for the gentlemen was a suit of clothes valued at \$75, donated by the firm of Jedlička Brothers. This prize went to Frank Konečný. The second prize, a winter overcoat valued at \$50 and donated by the firm of Mašek Brothers, went to Karel Jes; the third prize, a winter overcoat, also valued at \$50 and donated by the Trembacz Company, was given to Eduard Fládr; the fourth prize, a box of cigars valued at \$10 and donated by Tomáš Chvála, went to Mr. Černocký; the fifth prize, a bedspread valued at \$10, donated by T. Kállal, went to Mr. Lukáš.

The officials of the charity ball were: L. Šolar, chairman; Charles J. Novák, secretary; Dr. F. L. Fortelka, treasurer. The gingerbread cottage, which brought in \$30.50, was donated by Miss Kamila Nepil.

The Christmas gift party was given on December 24, 1921, in the offices of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost, and was reported by the Denní Hlasatel one day later as follows: "Yesterday, on Christmas Eve, a Christmas gift party was given at ten o'clock in the morning by the Česká Dobročinná Společnost. The

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party was arranged for the benefit of those poor families of Bohemians who are supported by that society and who applied for Christmas aid. Each case was conscientiously investigated by a special committee, and there were enough gifts to go around, so that everybody was satisfied. Those who do not believe in charity should have visited the party to witness the shining faces of both the old and the young; to see the poor mothers, laden with gifts, who went away filled with gratitude. They carried great baskets of food, poultry, and other edibles worth ten dollars a basket, gifts of happiness which would be indispensable on Christmas. Were it not for these gifts, the holidays would be a hollow mockery of tears and sighs. In its Friday meeting, the committee also sanctioned gifts of ready cash totaling \$1,000, which were included in the Christmas baskets for those people who suffered most and who were the poorest, so that they could purchase coal or buy some underwear, shoes, and clothing for the children.

Our deep gratitude is extended to the three hundred benefactors and philanthropists who responded to the touching proclamation of the Christmas gift

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committee.

Besides such monetary contributions, which are fully reported in another part of this annual report, the following gifts were received [by the Christmas gift committee of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost]: [There follows a list of contributors and their gifts.]

A concise report of activities in our offices as given by the office manager is as follows: [There follows a list of the number of telephone calls made, the amount of mail sent out, etc.]

The following physicians furnished free medical services, and in some cases performed surgical operations without charge: Dr. C. S. Pavlik at the Wesley Hospital and in cases sent to him by us, Dr. F. E. Dostal, Dr. F. L. Fortelka, Dr. Frank J. Jirka, Dr. Leopold Medeles, Dr. Antonin Mueller, Dr. Allan Hruby, Dr. F. Franke, Dr. Funkhauser, Dr. S. Dvorak-Theobald. Medicines were furnished gratis to poor patients by the following pharmacists: James Honzik, Otto J. Felikan, Louis Karel, E. Koller, and Mr. Liska of Racine Avenue. Dr. I. J. Jirka,

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a dentist, gave his services freely in several cases.

Legal aid was furnished free of charge to poor people by the following Bohemian attorneys: Otto Kerner, Anton Pecivál, J. A. Píša, and Anton Zeman.

The Česká Dobročinná Společnost paid for the living expenses of two girls whose mother was confined to the hospital for a period of five months. It also furnished clothing and shoes to a great number of children. In one case, it furnished clothing to three children in order to make it possible for them to attend the funeral of their mother. [There follows a long list of the various kinds of aid extended to indigent families.]

Below are some typical cases to which the Česká Dobročinná Společnost extended aid: Family number 1: The husband was hospitalized for several months, suffering from an incurable disease; the wife herself is ill at home with two children. The husband died on Christmas Eve. Family number 2: The husband has been insane for the last four years, ran away from the insane asylum nine

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months ago, and is nowhere to be found; there are six children in his family ranging from four to thirteen years; members of this family are frequently ill. Family number 3: A widow in poor health who is left with four children. Medical attention is needed here every month. The father passed away two years ago. Family number 4: The father has been ill for about four years. There are three children in his family, ages 5, 7, and 10 years; all the children are puny and weak. One of the children spent a whole summer in the Chicago Contagious Disease Hospital. The mother is at present hospitalized, too, having undergone an operation and is going to have another. Family number 5: A widower whose wife passed away four years ago. He is paralyzed, and for the last twelve years has not left his chair without help. There are three children in his family. Family number 6: An old woman suffering from a chronic disease without hope of recovery. Family number 7: An old man and an old woman; he has been ailing for years, she has cancer of an internal organ; incurable case. Family number 8: Husband should be placed in a sanatorium, the wife is quarantined at home because of diphtheria, their child suffers from malnutrition.

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Our associations is in contact with all the charitable institutions and associations in the City of Chicago through the medium of the registration bureau of the United Charities. It is endorsed by the Chicago Association of Commerce and recommended by this association. It is a Bohemian institution which serves the poorest and the most indigent people of our nationality, and as such, it has the right to expect help from our well-to-do and more fortunate countrymen.

Anyone who pays an annual fee of \$1.00 or more may become a member of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost. There are no limits to charity. Twelve the good dollars a year is necessary for the relief of the children is a obligation of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost, and to make such an amount ought to be the pleasurable duty of the Bohemians of Chicago.

Signed: Reverend Václav Janek, secretary.

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Financial Statement of the Česká Dobročinná  
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Income:

Ready cash on hand, January 1, 1921,	\$5,762.01
Membership dues,	2,048.00
Donations,	4,544.95
Ladies' auxiliary,	800.00
Tag day,	1,202.16
Charity ball,	2,303.13
Interest in bank,	95.43
Returned checks,	137.00
Miscellaneous,	31.60
Total income,	<u>\$16,924.28</u>

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Disbursements:

Aid furnished,	
Paid out in rents,	\$2,547.00
Aid in ready cash,	998.00
Living expenses,	2,764.26
Fuel,	62.10
Clothing and shoes,	508.03
Medicaments,	47.10
Miscellaneous,	126.03
Total aid furnished,	<u>\$7,052.52</u>

Office expenses:

Salaries,	\$1,360.00
Rent,	480.00
Heating, light, cleaning, etc.,	181.15

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Telephone, postage, carfares,	\$ 240.08
Printed matter and other sundries,	550.71
Office expense,	<u>2,811.94</u>
Total expenses,	\$9,864.46
Balance on hand,	\$7,059.82

Josef Malleček, financial secretary.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ČESKÁ DOBROČINNÁ SPOLEČNOST

The twelfth annual meeting of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) took place on Friday night in the pavilion of the Pilsen Brewery on 26th Street and Albany Avenue. It was well attended by the members of the association and will leave in their hearts that source of light and happiness which is so necessary for the further continuance of work in behalf of the needy folk.

The meeting began at 8:45 P. M. and was opened by the vice-president, Mr. John A. Sokol. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. Václav Vaněk, and were approved. The annual report for the past year was also read. Because of its extensive nature, it will be published in one of the future issues of our newspaper; today, because of lack of space, we shall only make known the fact that the Česká Dobročinná Společnost, during the twelve years of its existence, has collected the awe-inspiring sum of \$71,489.01 for our needy people. This amount was very carefully disbursed. How much

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sorrow, grief, and misery were averted by this money, as well as by other gifts, is emphasized in the annual report, which pleased every member present at the meeting. The report, as well as the financial statement,....were unanimously approved.

The secretary of the ladies' auxiliary of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost, Mrs. Antonie Kybic, read the annual report of her organization, which also shows how efficiently the little hands of our ladies worked at their charitable tasks.....The chairman of the same organization, Mrs. Beránek, then arose to thank those who made sacrifices for the welfare of the unfortunate. It was also reported that the following contributions were received at the time of the annual meeting: From Mr. Otto Werner, \$50; from Mrs. L. Červenka, \$10; from Mr. August Geringer, \$5.

The secretary called the attention of the members to certain criticisms of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost voiced by the members of the Český Národní Hřbitov (Bohemian National Cemetery) in their last meeting. It appears that some of

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the members of the latter institution expressed their doubts as to the good work which the Česká Dobročinná Společnost is doing; that it purportedly has sectarian feelings; and that prompted by such feelings, it favors only certain organizations. Mr. Vaněk indicated that such an untoward expression of suspicion on the part of the members of the Český Národní Hřbitov is highly censurable, and added that most of the sectarian organizations take care of their own poor people. At the behest of the president, Mr. Frank J. Petru discussed this situation and made a motion for a committee to be appointed which would attend the next meeting of the Český Národní Hřbitov for the purpose of clearing up whatever misunderstanding there may be among the members of that body and resuming friendly relations. Mr. Janovský opposed this motion and suggested that this whole painful incident be called to the attention of the board of directors, which may act on it in whatever way it finds best. After a brief debate, the second motion was considered favorably and action will be taken as Mr. Janovský suggested.

Another motion, which was carried, was previously suggested by the board

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of directors; it concerns the collection of membership contributions, which henceforth is to be taken on or about June 1. The nominating committee, consisting of Messrs. Frank Hájíček, Polek, and Anton J. Černák, recommended the re-election of all the members of the board of directors whose terms have expired. With the exception of Dr. F. L. Dostál; who does not wish to be re-elected, all the members of the board of directors will retain their old offices. In lieu of Dr. Dostál, Mr. Tomáš Chval, a 22nd Street merchant, was nominated and elected. Mr. Anton J. Černák, a member of the City Council, discussed ways and means of improving the systems of charitable work in which the Česká Dobročinná Společnost is engaged.

Since the program was exhausted, the president ended the meeting by announcing that refreshments would be served to all those present, and that this would be followed by a short musical program.....

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Denní hlásatel, Feb. 14, 1944.

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At the annual meeting of the Czech Relief Committee, February 11, by the Joseph P. Heine Company [redacted] for its employees, to which it wished to express its appreciation for its attention to the needs of the poor who need our help were not forgotten.

During the height of the winter season, Mr. [redacted] for this concern, suggested that a collection be made for our orphanages. The collection netted \$40. Of this sum, one half was sent yesterday to the first-aid station in Lisle (St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Ill. is) and one half to the first-aid station (St. Joseph's Orphanage) in Chicago.

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At a surprise party arranged in honor of the thirty-first birthday of  
Mr. K. Liška, Lohr,..... Mr. Jerry Štárek and..... collected  
2.55 for the benefit of the..... Finnish school. This amount was deposited  
with us.

Mr. A. J. Fikinger, of Duluth, Minnesota, sent us 5 for the Good Alice Society  
(Alice Society Fund), which is to go for the relief of orphans in Czechoslovakia  
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For the Institut Family of Vilí Korbel, we received 1.75 from Mr. Emilie  
Novák and Mr. Václav Loulis.....

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Denni Eliaschel, Feb. 7, 1941.

FOR THE BOARD OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF RUSSIA

We are very pleased with our people, and for them, too, are the money gifts for the poor Russian children. We have received many letters, and many of them have been sent on our behalf. Our people seem to be glad to lend a helping hand to a Russian Slav child, and that is as it should be. Some people write in: "Please forward the collected amounts quickly so that they [the Russian children] need not wait too long." Oh, yes, we are sick about it, and in our next report we shall give an account of our first shipment of money, which has [already] been sent. The gifts we have received have come from all parts of the country settled by American-Americans; the gifts are accompanied by letters which are full of war and slave feeling.

Since our last notice the following gifts have reached us: [Translator's note: There follows a long list of names of contributors and the amounts contributed]. The previous total was \$17.50; the new total is \$41.55. This sum was collected during three short days. We are deeply indebted to the generosity of the

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innocent children of our Slavonic brethren. We do not forget that Slavic Russia, in her dealings with us, showed her fraternal attitude; and during the time we lived under the Austrian régime, we benefited by her undisguised Slavonic love. We did not realize then that a time would come when thousands of Russians would have to leave "Mother Russia." that other thousands would be dying daily in their own homeland under conditions--suffering, want, disease, hunger--too horrible to describe; and that thousands of their children would anxiously ask for food.

Today we come to pay back with love for love given. Alas! we do it with feelings of sorrow and pain, under conditions which we should like to forget. We believe, however, that Russia, that great Slavonic Empire, will rise again and shake off its present shackles. Today, all we can do is to organize aids to save Russian children as much as possible.....whoever can should help; whoever has a warm Slavonic heart, let him not hesitate to offer aid. This request is for the children of those who always loved us best--our Slavs.

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Send your contributions quickly..... Send them to the newspapers or directly to us: Národní svaz Českých Katolíků v Americe (National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics of America), 4527 West 52nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 5, 1922.

FOR THE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN LITERARY SOCIETY

Today we are definitely closing the collection which we organized in behalf of the scruply tried family of the Evanston carpenter, Wilho Hukola. We must again mention our gratitude to the many generous individuals who remembered Hukola's family. Among these contributors there were not only Chicagoans, but people residing outside of Chicago; not only individuals, but also corporations and clubs. We, the board, feel that we have done the best that we could for the family. We are publishing for the last time all these contributions which reached our office. [The list is as follows: a list of the names of contributors and the amount contributed].....altogether, this list shows of gifts which the family will be able to send to Hukola on Monday.

Looking over the record we find that we collected the following amounts to Hukola: on the first day, \$1.00; the second day, \$1.00; the third day, \$1.00; the fourth day, \$1.00; the fifth day, \$1.00; the sixth day, \$1.00; the seventh day, \$1.00; the eighth day, \$1.00; the ninth day, \$1.00. Total is \$9.00.

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\$818.90. We have in our possession the receipts for all these amounts sent to Koukola.....We also want to publish the text of a card mailed to us by Koukola: "In my last letter to you, I forgot to mention that we had a visit from the members of the Lože Komenský Číslo 807 (Komenský Lodge No. 807 [of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows]); my wife is a member of the Rebekah Lodge. A collection made by them brought \$13, and of this amount they have approved the amount of \$12 to be given to us. They asked us to inform the Denní Hlasatel about this.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PILSEN BREWERY COMPANY

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On January 31, 1922, there was an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pilsen Brewery Company in which the following gentlemen were elected to the board of directors: Messrs. John A. Červenka, president; T. J. Seidl, vice-president; R. Sedláček, secretary; A. F. Jiruška, treasurer.

The company contributed the following sums of money as New Year's gifts: To the Útulna A Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), \$100; the Sirotčinec Svatého Josefa v Lisle, Illinois (St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois), \$100; the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association), \$50; the United Charities, \$50; the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute, \$10; the American Red Cross, \$75; the building fund of the Jednota Českých Dam (Bohemian Ladies Unity), \$25; St. Vincent's Orphanage, \$5; the Dán Svobodomyslných (National Tax of Bohemian Freethinkers), \$25; the Česko-Americká Nemocnice (Bohemian-American Hospital), \$10; the Grand Hospital, \$10; for the purchase of pictures for the Chicago Art Institute, \$100.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The following contributions were deposited with us: From the ladies of the social and benevolent Klub České Dobráčky (Club of Bohemian Goodfellows), \$2.50 for the benefit of the Útulna A Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage). Mrs. Marie Matoušek, 2466 Blue Island Avenue, deposited the sum of \$2.50 with us for the benefit of the Sirotčinec Svatého Josefa V Lisle (St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois). There were contributions of twenty-five cents and fifty cents sent to us, the former for the Alice Masaryk fund, the latter for the benefit of the starving Russian children.

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It is a bundle of ... arranged ... ... ... in honor  
of the married couple, ... collection was ... for the  
benefit of the U. S. ... school in ... Illinois. The proceeds were  
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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 1, 1922.

REPORT OF CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BOHEMIAN  
OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

[Translator's note: This is a continuation of the report of January 31, 1922. The list of names of contributors with amounts contributed is two full columns long. The total amount published in this issue is \$2,720.85 which added to the previously reported \$3,536.85 makes a grand total of \$6,257.70.]

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 31, 1922.

REPORT OF CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BOHEMIAN  
OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

The following contributions were sent to the treasurer, Mr. Frank J. Petru, as Christmas gifts for the Utulna A Sirotcinec. Many of these contributions were made by private individuals and mailed directly to the treasurer; the societies and clubs are therefore advised, after having examined the list and failing to find their names on it, to investigate whether their contributions were mailed in by their respective treasurers or secretaries. It often happens that such contributions are not listed under the names of the societies but give the names of the individual who mailed the check. In cases where a gift was sent in the name of several individuals, only the name of the person heading the list is published. [Here follows a list of names of contributors with the amounts contributed. The list is almost two columns long. The total reported by the treasurer of the Utulna A Sirotcinec is \$3,536.85, but the list is to be continued in the next issue of the Denni Hlasatel.]

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one of our Catholic countrymen...for our own good in the west....and since he has not...our own good and obey. But

whoever is able to make a contribution should help the poor, suffering Russian children. Let us be compassionate; we have not been able to stand all kinds of charitable activities and one...it to be easy. To feed the hungry children is...easier than to contribute to...not pressing. However, we must...of the national children of our Slavonic brothers are starving. The...Over Czech Catholic (National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics) is...and...our nationalistic organizations to start this aid; it is our knowledge of our duty both as Slavs and as Christians to send...possible to those who so innocently suffer. Therefore, ...! Over Czech Catholic, 3807 West 2nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 29, 1922.

FOR VILÉM KOUKOLA'S DESTITUTE FAMILY

A week ago today we announced that the collection in behalf of the sorely tried gardener, Vilém Koukola, who resides at 108 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, was terminated. Despite our announcement, however, we expected that there would be more contributions reaching us from localities outside of Chicago. Just as we expected, these contributions did arrive, but together with them there were still others from Chicago, so that we shall not be able to publish the results of the collection until about one week from today.

Koukola acknowledged the receipt of every check we mailed him, and yesterday morning he surprised us with a visit, bringing his whole family to thank us for what we were able to accomplish in his behalf. We told Koukola that we never expected any expressions of gratitude for ourselves. We emphasized the fact that whatever we have done has been on the basis of our human conscience acting as one fellowman toward another. Koukola, his wife, and his four

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General List, Dec. 10, 1941.

children are therefore indebted to all the generous folk who shared the  
in their hour of need: We assured us that we will never forget the good will  
and kind hearts which guided the donors to offer gifts which are un-  
usually plentiful. [Here follows another list of contributors.]

The total amount of the collection since the beginning is thirty-six dollars,  
which we shall forward to Vilho Koskela tomorrow.

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Denni Hlas-tel, Jan. 20, 1991.

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During the meeting, various gifts were given and distributed to the members. One hundred \$1.00 bonds were given to the "Slovak" Club, Bratislava (Bratislava, Slovakia) and the "Slovak" Club, Bratislava (Bratislava, Slovakia), and the "Slovak" Club, Bratislava (Bratislava, Slovakia). The "Slovak" Club, Bratislava (Bratislava, Slovakia) received the "Slovak" Club, Bratislava (Bratislava, Slovakia) and the "Slovak" Club, Bratislava (Bratislava, Slovakia). At this time the unfortunate Vilé Houdok was also remembered with a gift of \$5.



Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 24, 1922.

AID FOR VILÉM KOUKOLA'S DESTITUTE FAMILY

In our Sunday issue we announced that the collection attempted by us in behalf of the unfortunate family of the Evanston gardener, Vilém Koukola.... would terminate, and also we published the names of contributors, together with the amounts which reached us before noon on Saturday. But on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, more contributions came to us from outside the Chicago area, and it is therefore our duty to inform our reading public of this by publishing the names of the generous donors together with the amounts sent in by them. / There follows a long list of contributors and the amounts contributed. / The total was \$107.50, and this was sent to Koukola this forenoon.  
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Koukola informs us by letter that the Pilsen Lodge No. 272 of the Independent Order Of Odd Fellows sent him a check for fifty dollars, and other contributions were sent directly to him by his personal friends. He sent letters of thanks to each one of them. He also informs us that he will be able to reopen



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his hothouses in March and that he will raise radishes, turnips, rutabaga, and cucumbers, since it is too late now to be in trade in those. He is an employer, Mr. A. J. Wilcox, of the Wilcox Bros. & Co., Chicago, Illinois, and Montclair, New Jersey, is now in the business. He is now in the business at work. He and his family will now be in the business and will be in the business of them.

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MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BOLLEIN  
CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

The board of directors of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) held a meeting last Friday in its offices at 1605 South Dodge Avenue. The meeting was opened by the chairman of the ladies' auxiliary, Mrs. Josefa Beránek. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The meeting was later attended by the first vice-president of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost, Mr. John A. Kotol, who took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. It was decided to abandon the idea of having an independent tag day and instead to become a member of the Universal Tag Day Association. It was further decided that a campaign for contributions from the members of the Charitable Association should take place in June instead of in January. Upon a motion made by Mr. Anton J. Černák, it was decided to make a regular card index of all members and contributors. The next annual meeting will take place on the third Friday in February. After listening to the reading of the annual report on the activities of the newly elected members of the board,

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announcement was made about a soiree to be given for all members.

The treasurer, Mr. Kuleček, reported that the disbursements of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost for the past year amounted to \$1,000 in cash and \$2,000 in gifts, totaling \$12,000. Thus, the disbursements of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost average \$1,000 per month. The chairman of the ladies' auxiliary, Mrs. Josefa Beránek, reported that the auxiliary will turn over its surplus from last year, amounting to \$1,600, which will be deposited in the joint treasury. The president thanked the auxiliary for their exemplary work and for this monetary contribution. The ladies, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Beránek and with the co-operation of other officers, worked diligently throughout the year.

The following gentlemen were elected to the nominating committee: Messrs. Anton J. Černák, Frank G. Hujíček, and Josef Bolek. Collections in this meeting amounted to seventeen dollars.

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REPORT ON THE 1941 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
CZECH WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

[Half-time, we shown-picture of a scene, picture of  
Mrs. Josefa Beránek]

On Monday January 10, 1941, the meeting of the twenty fifth of the Česká Dobročinná společnost (Czech Women's Association) was very well attended. The program included the annual report of committees and the installation of the newly elected officers for the year 1941.

Mrs. Josefa Beránek was re-elected to the office of president and was immediately installed. It took a great deal of persuasion to force her to accept this office which she so efficiently filled in the past, but the pressure of her co-workers finally compelled her to do it. Mrs. Antonie Červenka was elected vice-president; Mrs. Rybicka was re-elected secretary; Mrs. J. Zavřel became financial secretary, and Mrs. Janáček accepted the office of

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treasurer. The installation ceremony was held by Mrs. Krupka.....The entertainment committee then gave the newly elected president a beautiful bouquet of crimson roses and with a cordial wish for the work of our organization, whose motto is, "Our colors are white and red--our slogan is honesty and strength". The chairman of the entertainment committee, Mrs. Antonie Černáková, expressed her faith in the president and promised her that all of us will stand by her and help so that her second term of office will be as successful as the first.....The new chairman, Mrs. Josefa Beránek, was very touched, and in her response promised that in this, her second term, she would endeavor to devote all of her energy to the success of the work of the auxiliary in order that our indigent and unfortunate people might derive the greatest benefit from it.....

The new board of directors consists of the same members as before: Mrs. Červenka, Krupka, Špatný, Valaš, Lybic, Berman, Čuřada, Heinlein, Lavřel, Hájíček, Kříha, Štěpánková, Soumel, Tonděliček, Hájek, Laula, Kraml, Bursík, and Tupý. Our meetings during the past year were well attended and our members

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proved again and again that they fully understand the aims of our ladies' auxiliary by giving freely of their substance to the enrichment of our treasury.

During the past year the following entertainments were arranged: At the end of the month of February, there was a private party given by the Dobročinná Společnost in which our ladies auxiliary participated by preparing a tasty dinner and homemade bakery goods.....Then there was a strawberry festival at which our ladies' orchestra played without any compensation. The proceeds of this festival were \$34.23. There was also a special party in the Pilsen Park pavilion which netted us \$427.50. Altogether these entertainments brought us \$991.73. The total receipts for the year amount to \$1,600, and this is the largest sum which the auxiliary has thus far been able to collect. The difference between the total amount received from entertainments and parties and the grand total came from dues and gifts which were of rather substantial proportions.



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At a ball which was arranged by the Dobročinná Společnost and to which the members came dressed in national costumes, the entertainment committee also furnished the dinner and tasty beverages. For this latter work both Mrs. Josefa Beránková, as chairman, and the entertainment committee are to be thanked.....

The knowledge that our work serves the unfortunate poor people shall be sufficient compensation for our efforts and should spur us to further activity. All our steps should be guided by a love for the poor and concern for their happiness.

The following ladies were elected to the gentlemen's committee as members of the board for the year 1932: Mrs. Beránková, Červenka, Kybic, and Křemel. In concluding this report we ask our people to continue to favor the ladies auxiliary in the future. Since by the united effort of all of us, much good may be accomplished.

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We also wish to express our gratitude to the newspapers Denní Hlasatel and Svornost for their co-operation in our work. We are indebted to Miss Helen Weiner for enriching our program during our annual meetings by furnishing and managing her little dancers and elocutionist.

For the ladies' auxiliary of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost:

Josefa Beránek, chairman;

Antonie Červenka, corresponding secretary.

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AID FOR VILEM KOUKOLA'S DESTITUTE FAMILY

The gardener, Vilem Koukola, whose business was totally ruined when the heating plant in his hothouse exploded during a very cold night two weeks ago, thus causing the delicate rosebushes nursed in the hothouse to freeze, will now have an opportunity to thank the noble and generous people who sent him their help so that he could start out anew. They did so chiefly to prevent him from becoming despondent. There were compassionate people in all parts of our city and country who remembered him, and every contribution was given willingly and gladly. This attitude was manifested in the many letters we received.... and the knowledge of this fact surely must gladden Koukola's heart. He need not mind the few drops of bitterness which some people mixed into his otherwise unalloyed happiness. This will bring him more courage to work and to live. It must be remembered that he did not ask aid for himself, but for those who are dear to him--his family.

Yesterday was particularly fruitful in the way of contributions received.

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[There follows a long list of names of contributors and the amounts contributed.]  
The total amount of contributions received on the fifth day was \$187.30, which we shall forward to Koukola today. Yesterday we mailed him a check for \$129.75.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE LIBERTY BAZAAR

Translator's note: The following is a supplementary report of a bazaar held in Chicago under the joint auspices of the national organizations, the Sokol Gymnastic Union, and the Czechoslovak legionnaires. The proceeds were sent to the Podjurny Legionarsky Fond (Fund for Aiding Legionnaires) in Prague for the support of the invalids and the widows and orphans of Czechoslovak legionnaires/.

Supplementary proceeds: For goods sold, \$1,594.46; for admission tickets (additional), \$31.00; for chips, \$135.00; from the central district booth, \$80.25. Additional gifts totalled \$15.00; deposit books, \$12.65; interest paid by the American State Bank for deposits, \$10.79; goods on hand are worth \$500.00. The total is \$2579.15, and the grand total \$27,064.56

Supplementary expenses: For freight charges paid out for goods from Europe

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and shipped to Chicago, \$97.90; for freightage of military tents sent from Springfield, Illinois, \$48.84; customs paid for goods sent from Czechoslovakia, \$571.15; additional sundry expenses and printer's bill, \$45.75; further sundry expenses, \$70.65. Total, \$834.29; grand total of expenses, \$7,063.55; total proceeds, \$27,064.36; total expenses \$7,063.55. Net profit, \$20,000.81.

Of this, \$16,877.00 was sent to the Pomocny Legionarsky Vybor (The Committee of Aid to the Legionnaires) in Prague; to the purchasing board of the Czechoslovak legionnaires) in Prague and in Nemecky Brod, \$1,677.35; to Jedlicka's institute, for toys and other goods, \$50.00; aid to a legionnaire, \$6.00; to the Invalidni Fond Svazu Ceskoslovenskych Legionaru V Americe (the Invalids Fund of the Federation of Czechoslovak Legionnaires in America), goods valued at \$500.00. The balance, deposited in the American State Bank, amounts to \$789.37; the treasurer has \$101.09 cash on hand, which makes a total of \$20,000.81.

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The balance deposited in the American State Bank will be sent to the Pomocny Fond in Prague as soon as approved by executive board.....the Pomocny Fond Legionaru in Prague has acknowledged the receipt of the sum already sent to them.....That organization is under the Ministerstvo Narodni Obrany (Ministry of National Defense) in Prague. The officials of the Podporny Legionarsky Fond are: Dr. William Hospisil, president; Professor Dr. Ladislav Vana, vice-president; Miroslav J. Horacek, financial secretary; P. Vaclavik, office manager; Emil Turna, agent....The officers of the Vykonny Vybor Bazaru Svobody v Chicagu, Illinois (the executive committee of the Liberty Bazaar in Chicago, Illinois) consist of: John Cervenka, president; Vincent Vrdsky, secretary; Frana Klepal, treasurer.

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FOR VILÉN KOUKOLA'S DISTRESSING FAMILY

The interest evoked by the sad case of the gardener, Vilén Koukola, is not diminishing; on the contrary, it may be observed that it increases from day to day. This is demonstrated by the many contributions which flood our offices in behalf of the family of that unfortunate man. In his name and that of his family, we wish to thank you for all the kindnesses shown them. To this we also add our personal thanks, for it was our voice which called to the generous hearts of our people....and we also thank those countrymen of ours who, though unable to make any monetary contributions, remembered Koukola with letters during his most trying times. Such letters were not mailed to him directly, although this could have been done, since we published his address. In some letters we are being criticized for the steps we have taken in behalf of the unhappy family. We can assure the writers of these letters that their criticisms do not affect us at all. We know that every man has his friends and his enemies, and Koukola is not excepted. Still and all he must be pleased to know that his friends outnumber his enemies.



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We ourselves cherish the thought that we are doing the right thing....that we are discharging our obligations as fellowmen toward other fellowmen; and as to the inimical letters, we pay no attention to them because envy permeates every life and also because the authors forgot to sign them. /There follow the names of contributors and the amounts contributed/. Today's collection amounts to 129.75, which will be mailed to Koukola this forenoon.

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FOR VILÉM KOUKOLA'S DESTITUTE FAMILY

Mr. Vilém Koukola, who is a gardener living with his family at 108 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, need not feel deserted. New contributions are reaching our offices daily; every day brings him some new friends who, by their actions, give ample evidence that they desire to help as their consciences dictate in behalf of a suffering countryman and human being. Mr. Vilém Koukola and his eldest daughter, Amálka, bless the donors. His daughter, although twelve years old, is unable to speak and is almost totally blind. But if she herself cannot express her gratitude orally, her little heart surely speaks for her by its heightened rhythm when witnessing the joy brought to her parents and the other members of her family by the generosity of these newly acquired friends. [There follow the names of contributors and the amounts contributed.]

Whoever wishes to show that he is a sensitive and charitable human being in a case in which it is imperative that immediate help be given, should do so now,

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at once. Every contributor's name, together with the amount given, will be published in the columns of this newspaper, and our thanks will go to those who remember the sorely stricken family.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DÁNY HLÁZEŇSKÉHO PIVOVARU

The following is the annual report of the Dány Hlazeňského Pivovaru (Ladies of the Hilsen Brewery) for 1921:

Every year our society participates in some great cause. This year, however, there was nothing in particular in which the society could take part. This does not mean, of course, that our members were idle. The chairman, Mrs. A. Červenka, arranged a festive soirée on February 21, 1921, for the benefit of charitable institutions and causes. The results were about as follows: For the Útulna v Bělohřezě (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), the Dány Hlazeňského Pivovaru deposited \$100 in the bank; to honor the memory of the deceased Čeněk Bolek, another \$100 was deposited for the benefit of the Útulna. Our society decided to build a swimming pool for the boys and girls of the Bělohřez, this should be completed before the coming summer.....we are therefore very anxious to accomplish this task as early as possible. The above-mentioned \$200 will be the initial sum. Other gifts from the proceeds

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of the soirée were: To the Dánský Odbor Dobročinné Společnosti (Ladies' Auxiliary of the Charitable Association), \$50; to the Dánský Pomocný Odbor Družiny Československých Legionářů (Ladies' Auxiliary of the Czechoslovak Legionnaires), in Chicago, for their widows and orphans, \$50; to the Ilzeň Rebekah Lože (Ilzen Rebekah Lodge) for some good cause, \$25; to the dramatic artist, Mrs. Innerau, who, together with her childrer, is in great financial distress, \$25. Fifty dollars went for the purchase of certain articles necessary for our rooms in the Útulna a Sirotčinec. Thus, the total sum of \$400 was paid out for charitable causes, all this money having been cleared from the soirée. Our warm thanks go to all our friends and benefactors; also grateful acknowledgments for the work done by Dr. Jindřich Heidner, who supervised the soirée.

Our society also arranged a picnic to the Filtren pavilion....from which we obtained contributions which will be distributed as follows: To the Svobodomyšlné Školy (Free Thought Schools), \$25; to the Edrubeš School, \$25; to the St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois, \$5; to the Dánský Odbor

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On January 4 we paid a visit to the Útulna A Sirotčinec and were hosts to the aged inmates. Our members provided excellent bakery goods which they baked themselves, and the coffee was furnished by the institution.....we also brought some useful gifts for these old people, such as warm comforters, blankets, etc. Two warm blankets will be provided for each bed in the rooms; besides these we furnished a dozen bed sheets, a dozen pillows, aprons, stockings, neckerchiefs, and tobacco. One of the old men gave his thanks to us in the name of the whole group of inmates, and the children entertained us by reciting some fine poems. We went away with the feeling that it is always more blessed to give than to receive. The institution presents a good impression, and the children amazed us by their excellent behavior. The expenses of this visit to the Útulna A Sirotčinec were paid from the proceeds of our picnic, and there will still be a neat sum left over which will be added to the aforesaid 200. After the payment of all bills for gifts purchased, there will be a total of 2400 left in the bank. The chairman promised to increase this

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III C amount from any surplus from the soirée. It seems, therefore, that

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We take this opportunity to thank the newcomers, Denní Klasatel and Svornost, for their readiness and willingness to be of service to us whenever there was a need for it, and to all our friends to send our greetings.

For the Dány Alzeňského pivovaru:

Antonie Červenka, chairman;

Josefa Florian, secretary;

Jennie Šístek, treasurer.

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FOR VILÉM KOUKOLA'S ORPHAN FAMILY  
Further Contributions Amount to \$65

The fate which has befallen the Evanston gardener, Mr. Vilém Koukola, of 108 Ridge Avenue, whom we mentioned in this newspaper recently, has aroused, as we expected, a lively and well-deserved interest. Yesterday's mail again brought a number of contributions, which prove to us that our appeal was not in vain.....[There follows a list of names and the amounts of contributions.]

A letter signed, "From a Day Laborer's Family," reads as follows: "We read about the Evanston gardener with deep sympathy. His case moved me and my wife to tears. We, too, were very poor and therefore can understand his plight. Whoever reads such a piece of news and does not contribute because of selfishness brings harm only to himself. Someday a similar misfortune may befall him and he will be punished. But to you, gentlemen of the Denní Hlasatel, I send my congratulations for your notices about a poor man so cruelly visited by fate. Thanks and honor to you. I have a family and do not possess any property,



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but a contribution of two dollars for such a good cause I must send to you because my human feelings dictate it."

....All in all, \$65.60 reached our office, and we are sending this amount today to Mr. Vilém Koukola. The amount which reached our office before this has already been forwarded to him.

It is not our intention to drag out this affair unnecessarily. We therefore ask all those who sympathize with Koukola and his family to make their contributions in behalf of the poor man as promptly as possible. If help is to be effective, it must be immediate. We shall gratefully publish the names and the amounts of gifts, no matter how small they may be, for we believe that every little bit will help. We should also like to see help coming from the members of the society to which Mr. Vilém Koukola belongs.

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FOR VILÉM KOUKOLA'S DESTITUTE FAMILY

Our Sunday notice, in which we pictured the cruel fate which our countryman, Mr. Vilém Koukola, a gardener of 1233 Hyde Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, seems to have brought good results. It found a ready echo in the hearts of a great number of Bohemians who are now rushing aid to the family. This aid is coming from Bohemians living in every part of Chicago. When the representative of this newspaper and the detective sergeant, Mr. Albert Mikeš, called on the unlucky man, they ascertained that Mr. Vilém Koukola's grief is founded on fact....and that his desire to start his life anew is worthy. Therefore, our representative himself contributed a small amount to the good cause and assured the unhappy man that this newspaper will do all in its power to create an interest in Mr. Vilém Koukola's plight among our countrymen, whom he knows to be good and compassionate people.

When the representative of this newspaper assured Mr. Koukola that action would be taken, he was convinced that it would prove to be successful, and the

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results now show that he was not mistaken. Contributions started to come in the first day; others reached us yesterday. /There follows a list of names and amounts of contributions./ Up to and including yesterday, we received \$50.50, which is being sent by check to Mr. Vilém Koukola himself.

All subsequent contributions will be published during the current week. We ask all our countrymen to help according to their means; to help a man who cannot be blamed for the bad fortune which has befallen him and has brought him and his family to the brink of despair.....We do not want any donations from those people who are unwilling to contribute. Mr. Vilém Koukola fully deserves this help, and whoever renders it immediately will make these donations doubly effective. We, ourselves, are of the opinion that as a Czechoslovak newspaper in America, it is our duty to help Czechoslovaks who settled in America in cases where help is actually needed.....Will there be more such good people who will contribute generously when a case such as this demands it?

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A PROCLAMATION OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF  
BOHEMIAN CATHOLICS OF AMERICA.  
Help The Russian Children!

"Thousands of Russian children are dying daily from hunger. Let us organize to furnish aid throughout our Czechoslovak colonies."

In accordance with this resolution made by the Československá Národní Rada v Americe (The Czechoslovak National Council of America) in its last meeting held in Cleveland, the Národní Svaz Českých Katolíků (National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics of America) has decided, as was previously announced, to launch a program of organized aid for the Russian children.

The situation in Russia is getting worse every day, and the news items we get here are heart-rending. Slavonic-Russian children are dying--children who knew only misery and want and no moments of happiness! We are Christians and Slavs, and therefore let us not be tightfisted! Let us be compassionate! Let

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us save those who can be saved! Let us not say that we cannot accomplish much and that our help is like a drop in the ocean. True, Russia is an enormous country and its people suffer greatly, but every little bit helps to save at least some of the people.

According to Nansen's report, the poverty of the Russians is greater than one can imagine. In the Budsulsk government alone, one-half million inhabitants (or a third of the population) are without any food. During the last three months, thirty thousand people died. The mortality rate is growing rapidly, and without immediate help, two thirds of the population will perish before spring comes. Corpses are lying in the streets, and Nansen was an eyewitness when stray and starving dogs gnawed the flesh and bones of the dead. He found a pile of eighty dead children in a cemetery, all of them nude, for the rags in which they were formerly clad were taken off their emaciated bodies to clothe the living ones.....

The children in Russia can barely stand on their feet, and they are horribly

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emaciated. Their mothers are desperately foraging for food, denying themselves to feed their children. Such conditions exist in all of Eastern Russia. Everybody ought to consider it his duty to help these sufferers. Thanks to Mr. Dostál, the secretary of the Apoštolát Svatých Cyrilla a Methōdeje (The St. Cyril and Methodius Apostolate), a collection was started through the Hlas (Voice), and a neat sum has already been sent to relieve the suffering. The activity of the Apoštolát was endorsed by the Národní Svaz Českých Katolíků and recommended to our countrymen.....

It will be necessary, however, to mobilize all of our Bohemian Catholic societies and colonies so that this activity may be inaugurated everywhere as speedily as possible. Hunger does not wait! Send your contributions to your newspapers, which will gladly transmit them, or to Mr. Dostál, secretary of the Apoštolát Svatých Cyrilla a Methōdeje, or directly to the Národní Svaz Ceských Katolíků, 3207 West 22nd Street, Chicago, Illinois. The last named organization will see to it that all gifts are forwarded as quickly as possible.

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In the name of the suffering children and their desperate mothers, we say to you: May God repay you for every little gift and charitable act with which you begin this New Year! Whoever can must help!

For the Národní Svaz Českých Katolíků,  
Antonín Václav Tesař, Director.

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Denni Flasatel, Jan. 9, 1922.

LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
LEGIONNAIRES OF CHICAGO

The Damsky Pomocny Odbor Ceskoslovenskych Legionaru (Ladies' Auxiliary of the Czechoslovak Legionnaires) of Chicago held a festival on Thursday, December 26, for the benefit of the children of our Czechoslovak heroes. The festival was held in the Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs hall. Gifts were also distributed among the widows and invalids. The gift committee held a meeting prior to this festival in order that Christmas baskets might be filled with staples, and many families were agreeably surprised when they received them. To cite a typical case, there was a widow of a brother legionnaire, alone in the world with four small children, who was given a warm winter dress and a heavy overcoat; her little daughter received a warm topcoat and a cap; her small boy was given good shoes, a sled, and several other toys, to say nothing of the Christmas basket itself, which was full of household necessities. To this the Ladies' Auxiliary added a gift of ten dollars in cash and the Czechoslovak Legionnaires of Chicago gave another ten dollars.

Another typical case is that of a Czechoslovak legionnaire afflicted with an



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incurable disease caused by poison gas in the trenches. This man is not employable. He is the father of a charming child. The Udbor Ceskoslovenskych Legionaru (Auxiliary of the Czechoslovak Legionnaires) presented him with a gift of twenty-five dollars in cash. Besides that we sent him a large Christmas basket and ten dollars in cash.

Another sad case is that of a legionnaire who fought in Russia. His wife suffers from an incurable eye disease. What a terrible fate awaits her neither her husband nor her little daughter knows.....we, the Czechoslovak women, will endeavor to lessen their grief as best we can; we shall stand back of them by paying the doctor bills and by contributing to their domestic needs. We also delivered a large basket and ten dollars in cash to the above-mentioned family.

To another Czechoslovak legionnaire, the Svaz Ceskoslovenskych Legionaru, (Federation of the Czechoslovak Legionnaires) gave twenty-five dollars, and our Ladies' Auxiliary added twenty dollars to this sum. This is surely a handsome gift, considering the present bad times. To other similarly unfortunate people, the Svaz Ceskoslovenskych Legionaru also gave aid. Every Czechoslovak

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legionnaire [depending on the seriousness of his situation] received from five to twenty-five dollars. How glad we would have been to add several figures to these various amounts, but the state of our treasury makes it impossible. Perhaps these facts will furnish food for thought; perhaps we shall find gentle souls who will swell our ranks and make it possible for us to increase our activities.

May the next year find us well prepared to triple our efforts.....To describe the joy which our gifts brought; to speak of the rays of sunshine which penetrated the woeful homes of these unfortunates; to record the happiness mirrored in the faces of the young when they got their share of the Christmas baskets: All this would be impossible here.....

The festival was indeed a success, and we are grateful to the board of directors of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs for letting us use the hall without charge. We are also indebted to the Denni Hlasatel and the Svornost for their kind cooperation. We take this opportunity to thank all those who took part in the festival and by their efforts contributed to its success.....

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For the Damsky Pomocny Odbor Cesko-Slovenskych Legionaru: Antonie Cervenka, chairman; A. Cada, seceretary.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 5, 1922.

CHARITY GIFTS OF A BOHEMIAN COMMERCIAL INSTITUTION

The board of directors of the Tabor Supply Company, a large Bohemian commercial institution located at 3520 West 26th Street, has manifested its sincere interest in our charities by voting the following gifts at its annual meeting: To the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association), \$50; to the Útulna Svatého Benedikta (St. Benedict's Old People's Home), \$50; to the Útulna a Sirotčinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage), \$50; to the Sirotčinec Svatého Josefa (St. Joseph's Orphanage) at Lisle, Illinois, \$50.

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THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION  
Satisfactory Report at the Close of the Year

The managing committee of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) held a meeting last Thursday in its offices located on 26th Street and Kedzie Avenue. Mr. A. J. Sokol presided. The purpose of this meeting was to audit the disbursements and receipts for this year. The treasurer of the ball committee, Dr. F. L. Fortelka, submitted a detailed financial report on the last ball given by the society, and turned over to the treasury the net proceeds of that entertainment, amounting to \$2,303.18. The ball committee consisted of the chairman, Alois Šolar; Chas. J. Novák, secretary; and Dr. F. L. Fortelka, treasurer. The efforts of the ladies' committee of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost were praiseworthy. These ladies took care of all the work in the kitchen. The Reverend Václav Vaněk, who is the treasurer of the Christmas Gift Fund, reported that this fund amounts to \$3,512, and that 324 individuals contributed sums ranging from \$1 to \$100. Those families which were in need were given Christmas baskets and ready cash in amounts ranging

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from \$5 to \$35.

After the payment of all the bills, the balance was turned over to the treasurer of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost. This balance will be used for the regular fund and will go toward the support of needy families during the winter months. Mr. Anton J. Čermák is chairman of the gift committee.

Belated and additional contributions to the Christmas fund were received from the following: The Hub Company, State Street and Jackson Boulevard, \$10; Frank J. Petru, 1443 West 18th Street, \$5; August Patera, 2025 South Crawford Avenue, \$5; J. A. Budilovský, 2230 South Kedzie Avenue, \$5. Two dollars were received from each of the following: Joseph Pelc, 3443 West 26th Street; Josef Čičovský, 1942 West 51st Street; Robert B. Zíka, 2934 Lexington Avenue; Charles Chvalovský, 4139 Colorado Avenue. All of the contributors were given appropriate mention in the daily papers and will also be mentioned in a special annual report of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost.

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We should also like to mention that Mr. August Geringer took care of three needy families recommended by us. Miss Helen Čermák and Messrs. Sachs, Sr. and Jr., distributed the Christmas baskets from morning to night, using their own automobiles for that purpose. During the Thursday meeting of the board of directors, the following membership dues and contributions were also received: John Tancl, 1921 Blue Island Avenue, \$5; J. Illich 2059 18th Place, \$5; Albín B. Holeček, 1402 Hartford Building, \$5; Václav Jelínek, 2610 South Millard Avenue, \$10; the editor, Robert J. Pšenka, \$10; John J. Boehm, 1901 Halsted Street, Adams' State Bank, \$25. Miss Cimburek contributed hats, the combined value of which was \$25. The board of directors of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost wishes to express its thanks to all benefactors who remembered the needy Bohemian families of Chicago during the past year with gifts and contributions; the board is also grateful to our Bohemian daily press for its great moral support in offering free space in the newspapers.

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### SPEEDY HELP FOR RUSSIA

(Editorial Comment)

It is extremely important that the world should form a correct opinion about conditions prevailing in Russia and should decide what is to be done in order to give that country the necessary and proper help. That opinion must be formed as soon as possible. In the course of the last six or seven years the world has become accustomed to take the attitude of patient waiting toward Russia, which can never lead to rapid and effective help, and which necessarily results in very inadequate assistance or none at all.

One of the most characteristic qualities of the human spirit is its difficulty in realizing its own obligations. According to both Bolshevik and anti-Bolshevik news, the conditions in Russia are such as to make it absolutely imperative that they be dealt with without any delay. A short while ago, in

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a meeting of the Allies' supreme council in Paris, Mr. Lloyd George, who is by no means a pessimist, declared that the hunger in Russia, and the consequences of it, may cost the world more than the whole World War, and that it would be foolish--in fact, that it is impossible--to remain indifferent toward it.

This statement of the British prime minister was more than strengthened by Mr. Herbert C. Hoover, United States Secretary of Commerce and chairman of the American Relief Administration, when he replied to the invitation of Mr. Ador, former president of the Swiss Federation, to join the conference on Russian conditions which was to be held in Geneva. Mr. Hoover expressed his willingness to have the American Relief Administration send its representatives to Geneva, but declared very definitely that the conference at Geneva must adopt the proper attitude toward all questions in point without any tendency to evade any one of them if it expects to achieve any worth-while results. These questions, according to Mr. Hoover, are: First, that the hunger in

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Russia is of such a scope that no private charity in the whole world can possibly cope with it. Second, that, provided that a sufficient amount of money is raised for foodstuffs, it will be necessary to help Russia also by the rehabilitation of her means of communication, her agriculture, and her industrial management; and these are matters that go much further than that which can be handled by charity. Third, that there will be a famine in Russia every year, as long as additional and much more far-reaching changes are not made in the Russian economic system.

But neither the declaration of Mr. Hoover nor that of the British Premier should be taken as an expression of pessimism in regard to, or despair over, Russia. The purpose of these statements is merely that of clearly telling the world what kind of a task it is that awaits its intervention, and that the solution of the Russian problem is absolutely imperative. Nor was it Mr. Hoover's purpose to say that private charity is superfluous in Russia. Just the opposite.

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He says very plainly in his letter Mr. Ador that as many lives as possible should be saved by private relief and thus mitigate the catastrophe. Finally, Mr. Hoover makes the promise that as far as America is concerned, the best methods will be used in dealing with that matter, and that no efforts will be spared that will help in getting the best possible results. He considers it of the greatest importance that every organization should ascertain for how many persons it is in a position to assure food until the next harvest, when it can start the relief action proper, and what financial means it has available.

The all-important thing in this relief is, without any doubt, its rapidity. And because the relief is imperative, those who are undertaking it must not shirk any sacrifice. The task itself is so enormous that it needs never expect difficulties, one of them being the usual delays and procrastination in regard to everything that concerns Russia. Here, there must be no delays, no procrastination; there must be an immediate and gigantic effort.

The principal cause of delays, and these delays may easily go on if no definite

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effort is made to stop them, is the lack of confidence in the political motives of countries offering to help Russia. In this respect the United States has set an excellent example. Running the danger of the reproach that it does not want to co-operate with other nations, it has refused to make any move that may have a tinge of political interference. Washington has declared very definitely that the only motives for help on the part of the United States are humanitarian. Our government has no political aims, and its representatives will have nothing to do with any action which is not as entirely nonpolitical in its character as that of our Relief Administration. In this attitude the United States is most vigorously supported by the British prime minister, who declared that all those who are, or expect to be, concerned in the action must do so on the principle of humanity and must tolerate no political exploitation of the situation.

One of the main obstacles to be overcome is the attitude of the Moscow Soviet government, which seems to continue objecting to persons selected for the

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distribution of relief in Russian territories. As a rule, the most able men are most strongly objected to in Moscow, are regarded with the greatest amount of suspicion. Anyone who is desirous of sending a relief expedition to Russia must give a definite proof of the purity of his motives, of complete disinterestedness in any intrigues against the Soviets. But Russia must be helped, and must be helped immediately. There never was more truth than now in the old proverb: "He twice gives who gives at once".

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Denni Khasatel, June 30, 1921.

IN BEHALF OF LUDILA INNEMAN

Kindly print the report of the effort undertaken by me for the benefit of Mrs. Ludila Inneman, a widow, who first sang the role of Larenka from the opera "Prodana Nevesta" (The Bartered Bride) when this opera was first presented in Chicago, way back in the year of 1893. [List of donors is omitted in translation.]

Additional contributions will be gratefully accepted by Mrs. Antonie Cervenka, 2438 South Lawndale Avenue; Mr. Joseph Jurka, 1903 Wackburne Avenue; and Mr. Vaclav B. Kosner, 2643 South Central Park Avenue.

On the twenty-second of June I sent the sum of five thousand Czechoslovakian kronen to Mrs. Ludila Inneman, who now lives in Czechoslovakia. This sum is equivalent to \$70.50.

Joseph Skalsky.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 30, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

On the occasion of the wedding of Miss Marie Zelibor to Mr. Jan Barta, 2810 South Avers Avenue, Mrs. Marie Novotny, 2452 South Spaulding Avenue, took up a collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old Peoples' Home and Orphanage. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$14.10, were deposited by Mrs. Novotny in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 12, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mrs. Anna Cerny, Mrs. Magdalena Kos, and Mrs. Ruzena Kozeluh deposited the sum of \$9 in our office. This sum represents the surplus from a surprise party which was arranged by them in honor of Mrs. Anna Kaspar.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 8, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

On the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ruzena Vojacek and Mr. Jiri Prosek, a collection was taken up by Mrs. Katerina Liska, 2323 South Clifton Park Avenue, for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$14, were deposited in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 4, 1921.

A COMPLETE REPORT OF THE CESKA  
DOBROCIINNA SPOLECNOST V CHICAGO  
ON COLLECTION UNDERTAKEN  
MAY 30, 1921

[The names and addresses of the ladies who took part in the collection and the amount collected by each are omitted in translation.]

The total amount collected was \$1,872.62. The Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost hereby thanks everyone of the self-sacrificing ladies who during the entire day exerted their best efforts and worked for the benefit of a good cause.

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Denni Hlasatel, June 4, 1921.

#### A PATRIOTIC GIFT

The Spolek Skuteckysch Rodaku a Okoli (Society of Natives from Skutec and Vicinity) in its past meeting appropriated the sum of seventy-five dollars which will be taken to Czechoslovakia by Mr. Otto Rychtarik, a member of the Society. Mr. Rychtarik has been instructed to divide the gift as follows: The sum of twenty-five dollars shall be given to the Telocvicna Jednota Sokol Skutec; the sum of twenty-five dollars, to disabled soldiers; and the sum of twenty-five dollars to school children, all of the Town of Skutec, Czechoslovakia.

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Denni Blasatel, June 2, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

On the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frantisek Jelinek of 2659 South Springfield Avenue, a collection was taken up by Mrs. Marie Selapa, 2700 South Springfield Avenue, for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$14, were deposited in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 31, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

On the occasion of the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Novak, Mrs. Frantiska Novak, 5527 West 24th Street, Cicero, Illinois, took up a collection for the benefit of the Thomas Masaryk Bohemian Free Thought School in Cicero, the proceeds of which amounted to \$23.50. The collected amount was sent to the board of trustees of the said school.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 31, 1921.

THE TAG DAY OF THE CESKA DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST

The annual tag day of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago) was held yesterday, and according to the report received from the tag day committee the sum of about twelve hundred dollars was collected. The tag day, as it is generally known, is held every year on Memorial Day, and a special permit for it was issued by the City Council. By issuing this permit, the City Council recognizes the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost as one of the institutions which needs all the support of the public. The hot weather prevailing yesterday was in no way a help to the collection. Another unfavorable circumstance was the fact that numerous people left the city to spend two-day vacations in the country. But in spite of all these obstacles the proceeds of the collection were fair, thanks to the ladies who willingly and self-denyingly worked for the task of mercy.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 29, 1921.

TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOHEMIAN PEOPLE OF THE  
CITY OF CHICAGO

On Memorial Day we place fragrant flowers upon the graves of our dear ones, and in this way we honor their memory. In this great city there are hundreds and hundreds of poor wretched families who need our help. On Memorial Day our self-sacrificing women and girls will ask you for a small contribution in behalf of these unfortunates. Do not refuse them, but put a monetary gift into their collection boxes. This is a work of love and mercy. These are our people, of Bohemian blood, for whom we plead. The Chicago City Council issued a special permit for this year's tag day. It is our moral obligation to see to it that this venture is successful.

Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago):

Stanley J. Loula, president;

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Reverend Dr. Vaclav Vanek, secretary;

For the Tag Day committee:

Karel J. Novak, chairman;

Marie Hutter, secretary.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 24, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

On the occasion of golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Karel Snyder, celebrated last Saturday in the residence of their son, 1321 South 61st Court, Cicero, Illinois, Mrs. Marie Florian took up a collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. The collected sum, amounting to thirteen dollars, was deposited in our office for the benefit of the above-mentioned institution.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 22, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, contributions totaling 95 cents were deposited in our office. [Names of contributors are omitted in translation.]

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Denni Hlasatel, May 20, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Zabavni a Podporujici Spolek Prazaci (Prazaci Pleasure and Benevolent Club) and the Spolek Prazskych Dam (Prague Ladies' Club) arranged a **surprise** party in honor of their fellow member, Mr. Karel Kouba, who soon will take a trip to Czechoslovakia. Mr. Kouba was invited to a meeting which was held at the home of Mr. Svoboda, 18th and Throop Streets, and where the **surprise** party was held. Both clubs presented Mr. Kouba with beautiful gifts. At this opportunity Mrs. Marie Svoboda and Mrs. Marie Jedlicka took up a collection for the benefit of poor children in Czechoslovakia and the collected sum, which was equivalent to one thousand Czechoslovakian kronen, was given to Mr. Kouba who is to deliver that amount for the above-mentioned purpose.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 20, 1921.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY  
OF COUNTRYMEN FROM PLANICE AND VICINITY

Our Bohemian countrymen contributed \$254 toward the fund for the erection of a Sokolovna (Sokol Hall) in Planice, Czechoslovakia. [Names of donors are omitted in translation.]

There will be a continuation of collections and whoever wishes to contribute should send his contribution to the secretary of the collection committee.

Thanks to all the donors.

Podporujici Spolek Planických Krajanů a Okolí,

Joseph Protiva, president;  
Frank Prucha, secretary,  
3000 South Hamlin Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 20, 1921.

THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

Cash donations to the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage for the period of April 27, 1921 to May 16, 1921, totaled \$599.04. Other donations consisting of food, clothing, etc., were also received. [Names of donors and the amount and type of each donation are omitted in translation.]

I hereby thank all of the donors, and I beg our countrymen to remember our orphans at every opportunity.

Jaroslav Lukovsky, Superintendent,  
Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 19, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

At a farewell party arranged by friends of Messrs. Antonin Bezchleba, Alois Markytan, and F. Pomr, a collection was made for the benefit of our well-deserving institution, the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$10.20, were deposited in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 17, 1931.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

A collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage was taken up at a party arranged in honor of Mr. Jaroslav Cap, 2726 South Troy Street. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$9.20, were deposited in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 15, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The well-known organization worker, Mrs. M. Kapl, took up a collection among the numerous guests who attended the silver wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Nesnidal of Cicero, Illinois. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$17, were turned over to the Patronat Ceske Svobodomyslne Skoly Tomas Masaryk (Board of trustees of the Thomas Masaryk Bohemian Free Thought School) of Cicero, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 15, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

A collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage was made among the guests who attended the silver wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Vincenc Linhart, 1344 West Nineteenth Street. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$5, were deposited in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 12, 1921.

THE CESKA DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST

As we have reported before, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Sedlacek were successful in securing a number of new members and donators for the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago). Recently we received a list of those who contributed or, by donating the sum of five dollars or more, became members of the Association. [List of donors is omitted in translation.]

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THE CESKA DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago), held last Friday and presided over by the vice-chairman, Mr. Karel J. Novak, a number of applications for relief were approved. At this meeting the sum of \$360.42 was appropriated for the assistance of poor Bohemian families. Mr. Karel J. Novak, chairman of the Tag Day committee, announced that, thanks to the efforts of the Alderman Anton J. Cermak, a special permit was issued to the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost, by the Chicago City Council authorizing the Spolecnost to hold its Tag Day on May 30, 1921. The Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost, whose expenditures for the poor families grow higher month by month, is in need of at least 150 generous ladies who would be willing to offer their services on that day, and therefore asks them to call at the

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office of the association.

In this meeting, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost reported that preparations for the strawberry party are in full swing, and that the party will be held on Wednesday May 18 at 2 P. M. in Pilsen Park pavilion. The program, which has been prepared for this occasion by the committee on arrangements, will surpass all the others by its richness. The strawberry party is an event well known to our ladies, and because of its success in past years it enjoys great popularity among our people.

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Sedlacek announced that they collected the sum of \$24.50 as membership contributions from our countrymen. The names of the contributors will be announced later. The self-sacrificing work of Mr. and Mrs. Sedlacek should be appreciated and deserves the best of recognition.

Membership contributions reported in this meeting, including names and

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Denni Hlasatel, May 7, 1921.

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EFFORT WORTHY OF RECOGNITION

Miss Bessie Selepa, well-known Bohemian piano teacher, of 2700 South Springfield Avenue, presented her class of thirty pupils last Sunday in her first concert, given at the Masonic Temple. On this occasion Miss Selepa proved not only her excellent qualifications as a teacher of music, but she demonstrated another phase of her endeavor. She remembered our foremost deserving humanitarian institutions by donating the net proceeds of her concert, amounting to sixty dollars, to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage and the Saint Joseph Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois. The generous donor deposited the said amount in our office; it will be equally divided between the above-mentioned institutions. This deed of Miss Selepa's should be an example to many others on similar occasions.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 6, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Garden City Coal Company, 2013 South Morgan Street, a well-known Bohemian enterprise which at every opportunity remembers our humanitarian institutions, deposited \$10 in our office for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 1, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, Mrs. Frantiska Stejskal, 2509 South Hamlin Avenue, deposited the sum of \$2 in our office.

For the benefit of the Old People's Home in Brno (Brunn), Czechoslovakia, Mr. Jan Pospisil deposited the sum of \$2.75 in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, May 1, 1921.

THE CESKA DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST

Responding to the appeals of the membership drive committee of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago), several countrymen became members of the Association. [Names of donors and the amounts contributed by each are omitted in translation.]

Further membership contributions are earnestly requested. Send your contribution to the treasurer of the membership drive committee of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost, 3245 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 30, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mr. B. B. Sedlacek deposited the sum of \$5 in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 27, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

At the initiation of a new club into the Berta Zasmucky Lodge No. 40 of the Bohemian Ladies Unity, a collection was undertaken among the present sisters for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$6, were deposited in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 24, 1921.

THE CESKA DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST V CHICAGO

Responding to the appeals of the membership drive committee of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago), several countrymen became members of this humanitarian organization. [Names of individuals and organizations that became members of the Spolecnost and the amount that each contributed are omitted in translation.]

Everyone of our well-to-do countrymen should become a member of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost by contributing the sum of five dollars or more so that this association may continue in its humanitarian work. Kindly send your contributions to the secretary of the membership drive committee of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost, Mr. Thomas Kallal, 3245 West 26th Street, or to the office of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost, 2603 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Membership cards will be sent by mail and the name of every contributor will be published in Bohemian daily newspapers.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 24, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia,  
Mrs. Mary Sabat deposited the sum of fifty cents in our office.

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Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 17, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions totaling \$2 were deposited in our office. [Names of contributors omitted in translation.]

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 17, 1921.

THE CESKA DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST

Responding to the appeals of the membership drive committee of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago), the following countrymen became members of the association: /Long list of contributors omitted in translation./

During the past two months, the disbursements of the board of directors amounted to \$993.59, which gives proof that the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost needs every bit of your financial help in these times of unemployment. Therefore, join the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost by contributing the sum of five dollars or more a year. Send your contribution to the treasurer of the membership drive committee, Mr. Thomas Kallal, 3245 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Membership cards will be sent to you by mail and your contribution will be acknowledged in the daily newspapers.

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Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 17, 1921.

A LETTER OF THANKS

Some time ago our Chicago countrymen, natives of the Town of Poleň, near Klatovy, Czechoslovakia, undertook a collection among themselves for the benefit of a public library of their native town, and recently a letter was received by them acknowledging receipt of the gift. The letter, in parts, reads as follows:

"In the year of 1860, to honor the memory of our famous native son, author and patriot, Josef P. Šumavský, a public library was established in our town, but after a period of many years, only a few books remained. Several months ago, our Poleň countrymen who now reside in the City of Chicago, upon the request of Mr. J. Kocour, their leader, collected among themselves the sum of \$60.50 for the purpose of establishing a new public library in Poleň, Czechoslovakia. For this money, which is equivalent to 3,284 Czechoslovak kronen, 234 new books were bought and the new library already has a number of diligent readers. The new library was placed in our public school and is under the care of

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Mr. M. Šedivec.

"Guided by the example of their Chicago countrymen, the natives of Poleň who now reside in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, also undertook a collection for the benefit of our public library. From this collection, an additional 2,128 Czechoslovak kronen was secured.

"The citizens of Poleň, Czechoslovakia, are wishing the best of success to all those who contributed, and assure them that their names will be remembered in the new memorial book of the Town of Poleň.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 14, 1921.

RECEIPT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DR. ALICE MASARYK  
FUND OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED

The official acknowledgment of receipt of contributions collected and sent by us to Czechoslovakia for the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, was received by us yesterday. The communication, signed by Dr. Alice G. Masaryk, chairwoman of the Czechoslovak Red Cross, reads as follows:

"I hereby acknowledge the receipt of 5,045 Czechoslovakian kronen, which sum was paid to us on February 23, 1921, through the Bohemian Union Bank of Prague, Czechoslovakia, and which sum was added to the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund. May I ask you to convey our cordial thanks to all your readers who participated in this collection. We would like to let them all know that we are greatly encouraged by the knowledge that our work is understood by you and that you endeavor to support us. Although your gifts are still needed, more than

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anything else we appreciate the love which induced you to make this collection.

"At the same time, please, accept our thanks for arranging the collection and for all your efforts connected with it.

"Sincerely yours,

"Dr. Alice G. Masaryk."

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IN BEHALF OF THE CESKA UTULNA A SIROTCINEC

Following is the list of gifts and contributions received by the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec v Chicagu (Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage of Chicago) during the month of March, 1921:

Denni Hlasatel, \$131.73; Bohemian Ladies' Relief Committee, \$124.10; Daily Svornost, \$94; Vetev Ceske Vlasti Lodge No. 5 of the Central Union of Bohemian-American Women, \$25; Mrs. Marie Urbanek, \$20; Grand Lodge of the Bohemian-Slavonic Union, one-cent head tax collected from subordinate lodges, \$17.83; Grand Lodge of the Bohemian-American Union, one-cent head tax collected from subordinate lodges, \$10; Mrs. K. Gruenwald, \$10; Mr. Kristina Honomicnl, \$10; Mrs. Bozena Krabec, \$8.75; Mrs. Dusicka and Mrs. Kosak, a collection, \$8.25; Cechie Court No. 20 of the Bohemian-American Foresters, \$10; Sumava Lodge No. 10 of the Bohemian-American Union, \$5; Palma Vlasti Lodge of the Bohemian Ladies' Unity, \$5; Vlastimila Ruzicka Lodge No. 93 of the Bohemian Ladies'

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Unity, \$5; Hvezda Zapadu Lodge No. 45 of the Bohemian Sisterhood, \$5; Ladies' Auxiliary of Sokol Berwyn, \$5; Svornost Club, \$5; Society of Bohemian Patriots, \$5; Vopat's family, \$5; Kardas Lodge No. 35 of the Czecho-Slavonic Fraternal Benevolent Societies, one-cent head tax collected from subordinate lodges for a period of three months, \$4.92; Jan Amos Komensky Court No. 14 of the Bohemian-American Foresters, \$3.99; Drachomira Lodge No. 66 of the Bohemian Ladies' Unity, \$3; Mrs. Amalie Fantl, \$3; Miss Irma Kalbas, \$3; Karel Havlicek Lodge No. 4 of the Bohemian American Union, \$2; Zofie Podlipsky Lodge No. 21 of the Bohemian Sisterhood, \$2; Mrs. Anna Nepil, \$2; Miss Antonie Rados, \$2; Mrs. Vodak, \$2; Vondrousek's family, \$2; Karlin Lodge No. 111 of the Bohemian Ladies Unity, \$1.50; Mrs. Chmelar, \$1; Mrs. Anna Pertl, \$1.

Used clothing was donated by the following: Mrs. Anna Schwartz, 1213 South Elmwood Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois; Mrs. Marie Dvorak, 1909 South Lawndale Avenue; Mrs. Frank J. Prasil, 4410 South State Street; Mrs. Karolina Hruby, 3622 West 22nd Street.

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Bread and pastry was donated by the following: United Bohemian Societies of Irving Park, Chicago; Mrs. A. Polak, 2530 South Lawndale Avenue.

Various preserved fruits and catsup were donated by Mrs. Anna Brychta.

Mr. Holman donated a quantity of pads and a violin for the children. Mr. Joseph Brunclik, 1236 South Karlov Avenue, donated an alto trumpet for the children.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Emilie Hrisny, a minstrel show was arranged for the inmates of the institution by Mr. Lester W. Groom and his orchestra, Sunday, March 13.

I hereby thank all the above-mentioned patrons for their gifts and I express a hope that they will remember our institutions in the future. Special thanks

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should be given to the members of the Bohemian Dentists' Society who donated their services free.

For the Ceska Utulna a Sirotcinec,

V. K. Soukup, Manager.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

A collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old Peoples' Home and Orphanage was undertaken by Mrs. Cadil at a surprise party arranged in honor of Mrs. Prasil, last Sunday, April 3. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to \$11.65, were deposited in our office.

A jolly bunch assembled at the residence of Mr. Riha, 3000 South Clifton Park Avenue, undertook a collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old Peoples' Home and Orphanage. The collection totaled \$4 which was deposited in our office.

For the benefit of Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, contributions totaling \$1.25 were received in our office. [Names of contributors omitted in translation.]



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JOIN THE CESKA DOBROCINNA  
SPOLECNOST V CHICAGO

The membership drive committee which was appointed for the purpose of securing one thousand new members for the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost V Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago), sent more than four thousand circulars to Bohemian individuals and organizations in Chicago. In these letters, the meritorious work of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost is explained, urging all Bohemians to become members of the Association by contributing the sum of five dollars or more. Responses to this appeal are slow in coming and are not as numerous as was expected. Do not wait until the moment when the members of the committee call on you personally, but send your contribution to the secretary of the committee, Mr. Thomas Kallal, 5245 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

All contributions will be published in our daily newspapers and membership cards will be sent by mail.

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Today we report further contributions. [Names of contributors omitted in translation.]

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THE CESKA DOBROCINNA  
SPOLECNOST V CHICAGU

A touching appeal was sent to our Bohemian merchants and other individuals by the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago), by means of which the Association wishes to secure one thousand members who will contribute the sum of five dollars or more for such humanitarian work as the Association has been doing for a number of years. This sum of five thousand dollars will be necessary this year in order that the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost may fulfill its task of supporting the poorest Bohemian families. Heretofore, one hundred philanthropists responded to this appeal by contributing the sum of five dollars or more each as membership fees. Nine hundred more are sought, and the membership drive committee is earnestly urging them to send their membership contributions to the treasurer of the committee, Mr. Thomas Kallal, 3245 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois. All contributions will be published in our Bohemian daily newspapers.

Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 8, 1921.

Recently, the following countrymen became members of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost by contributing the sum of ten dollars each: Mr. Karel Krametbauer, 2757 South Kedzie Avenue; and Mr. Frank Simek, 2319 South Austin Boulevard, Cicero, Illinois.

By contributing the sum of five dollars each: Mr. Joseph Morell, Mr. A. J. Janata, Jr., and A. Janata, Sr., 1903 South Ashland Avenue; Mr. B. O. Komorous, 4200 West 21st Place; Maisey and Dion, 2349 South Loomis Street; Mr. Joseph Jiran, 1333 West 18th Street; Dr. E. M. Vita, 4002 West 26th Street; and Mr. Albert C. Zrna, 1441 South Crawford Avenue.

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ADDITIONAL LIST OF NEW MEMBERSHIP  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CESKA  
DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST

The following countrymen became members of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago):

By depositing the sum of twenty-four dollars, Mr. Charles J. Vopicka, 3251 Washington Boulevard.

By depositing the sum of ten dollars, Congressman Adolph J. Sabath; and Mr. Joseph J. Jaros, 4243 North Avers Avenue.

By depositing the sum of five dollars, the John Kleker Plumbing Company, 1707 West 47th Street; Dr. J. Rudis Jicinsky, 1933 South Avers Avenue;

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Mr. Vaclav Stipek, 5438 West 25th Street, Cicero, Illinois; Mr. Vitous J. Houha, 1911 South Avers Avenue; Mr. Frank J. Klika, 3607 West 26th Street; Mr. James A. Calek, 5100 South Ashland Avenue; Mr. Thomas F. Chval, 3204 West 22nd Street; Mr. Vaclav Jelinek, 2610 South Millard Avenue; Mr. A. J. Lorr, 2614 South St. Louis Avenue; the Svoboda Lodge, No. 16, of the Bohemian Sisterhood; Mr. John Toman, 5206 West 29th Street, Cicero, Illinois; Mr. Stephan Votava, 3519 West 26th Street; Mr. Albert Frank, 1826 South Hamlin Avenue; Judge Joseph Cerny, 3023 Winfield Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois; Mr. Frank J. Siska, 1818 South Ashland; Mr. Frank Churan, 4054 West 22nd Street; Mr. James F. Stepina, 1825 Blue Island Avenue.

Further membership contributions are requested. Send your contribution to the treasurer of the Membership Drive Committee, Mr. Thomas Kallal, 3245 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 3, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The following contributions for the Bohemian Old People's Home were deposited in our office: [List of names omitted in translation.] Total, \$5.

The following contributions were received for the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund in behalf of orphans in Czechoslovakia: [Names of contributors omitted in translation.] Total, \$1.20.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 28, 1921.

IN RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS  
ACTIVITY

The Narodni Socialni Beseda J. V. Fric (J. V. Fric National Socialist Club of Chicago), which in its annual meeting again remembered the Bohemian minority in Czechoslovakia, received the following communication from the Narodni Jednota Posumavska (National Union of Bohemian Foresters) of Prague, Czechoslovakia:

"To the Narodni Socialni Beseda J. V. Fric in Chicago.

"Gentlemen: We hereby, sincerely and with thanks, acknowledge the receipt of your monetary gift amounting to one thousand Czechoslovakian kronen which sum was transmitted to us through the Bohemian Industrial Bank of Prague, February 1, 1921. The gift, which we have accepted as an evident proof of your favors and in accordance with our activity, is that much more valuable to us since it comes from our remote dear brothers who in that way manifest that even beyond the ocean our activity is followed. As a modest proof of

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our gratitude, we will send to the Narodni Socialni Beseda J. V. Fric a diploma of charter membership in our Union.

"Begging that you remember us by your favors in the future, we remain,

"Respectfully yours,

"The central committee of the Narodni Jednota Posumavska."

[Names of committee members are omitted in translation.]

The Narodni Socialni Beseda J. V. Fric intends to devote still greater interest to the program of our defense organizations, which already have done so much good among the minority groups in the Sudeten District of Bohemia, and for that purpose is arranging a humoristic soiree on April 30 of this year, at Sokol Karel Jonas. The entire proceeds of this affair will be earmarked for the work among our minority.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund For orphans in Czechoslovakia, contributions totaling \$30.75 were deposited in our office. [Names of donors and the amounts contributed by each are omitted in translation.]

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, contributions totaling \$3 were received. [Names and amounts are omitted in translation.]

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 27, 1921.

GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE CESKA DOBROCIINNA SPOLECNOST

The membership committee, whose purpose is to obtain ten thousand new members for the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago), recently launched a lively campaign by mailing several thousand letters to our countrymen. In these letters, the committee appeals to the good will and philanthropy of our countrymen, and requests them to become members of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost. Why this action was undertaken is very well known to our readers by previous reports. The Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost is surely an institution which works among us with quiet and reserve, but with great efficiency. The Association was not founded for the purpose of providing well-paid jobs for a number of people; it is not here to maintain luxuriously equipped offices which would serve as a meeting place for members; it does not uselessly spend a penny of the money collected as other similar institutions do, but honestly, conscientiously, and scrupulously is following the aim it has set before itself. The Association works to the

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best of its ability only for the benefit of the Bohemian poor, and its members and officers do not expect any reward for themselves. As a result of the philanthropy shown by the Association during its existence, it drew the attention of other foreign language groups. It is these groups which point to our Association as an example for other similar institutions.....

It is possible for us to announce with pleasure that many corporations and individuals have become new members of our institution. List of corporations and individuals that became members of the Association and the amounts contributed by each are omitted in translation. Contributions should be sent to the treasurer of the committee, Mr. Thomas Kallal, 3245 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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THE CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR VOICES THANKS FOR  
RELIEF FUND

Recently we received a letter from Dr. Bedrich Stepanek, Czechoslovak Ambassador at Washington, D. C., in which he acknowledged the receipt of money sent to him by us as the proceeds of a collection undertaken in behalf of the Hoover Relief Fund for the benefit of suffering children in Czechoslovakia. In his letter, Dr. Stepanek expressed his recognition and also thanked us for the work accomplished. By publishing this letter today, we are not doing so for egotistic and boastful reasons. We decline Dr. Stepanek's recognition and thanks because we think it is not due. We did no more than perform our duty, and this we are willing to do at every opportunity. Dr. Stepanek's recognition and thanks belong, in the first place, to those who helped us in our work, to those who so generously responded to our appeals, to those who contributed. Were it not for these good souls our action would not have been so successful. Because we are fully aware of this fact, we do hereby acknowledge that the letter of thanks which was sent to us belongs, in fact, to everyone who helped to make

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our action, undertaken at the behest of the Czechoslovak Ambassador, successful. Therefore we publish the letter today, and we publish it also for the reason that we want everybody who contributed to directly hear from Dr. Stepanek himself that the money collected by us was received by him.

The letter received by us from Dr. Stepanek reads as follows:

"Washington D. C. March 23, 1921.

"To the publishers of the Denni Hlasatel,  
1545 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

"Gentlemen!

"With sincere joy I read your letter of March 17, 1921 in which you reported to me the results of a collection undertaken by you in behalf of the Hoover Relief Fund, at the behest of Czechoslovak Embassy at Washington D. C. I was

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pleasantly surprised by the results. I see that you kept your promise to support this important campaign to the best of your ability.

"I esteem your co-operation very much, and I thank you and your fellow workers for your exemplary zeal which made the success of your action possible. I will personally deliver the inclosed check for \$6,571.43, together with other checks received by me from all parts of the United States, to Mr. Herbert Hoover as a contribution from Czechoslovak-Americans toward his fund for the suffering children in Czechoslovakia.

"I should like to extend my individual thanks, as far as possible, to all the co-workers and patrons of the Hoover action. Therefore, I should be very much obliged to you if you would send me a list of their names.

"Permit me to make an allusion to a paragraph in your letter in which you manifest a hope that even in the future you will be able to co-operate in all matters concerning the good and the success of the Czechoslovak Republic. I

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accept joyfully your promise, and I count on your co-operation in all the great tasks for the success of which we shall all strive in this great and wonderful land in behalf of our Czechoslovak nation.

"Respectfully yours,

"Dr. Bedrich Stepanek,

"Ambassador of the Czechoslovak  
Republic."



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IN BEHALF OF A CRIPPLED SOLDIER

Miss Ludmila Halik, a fourteen-year-old girl, whose parents reside at 2833 South Union Avenue, read in our newspaper a report about the sorrowful fate of a soldier, Mr. Alois Aubrecht of Komorany, Czechoslovakia. She undertook in his behalf a collection that totaled \$20.72. [Names of contributors omitted in translation.] This amount was deposited in our office and will be sent to the unfortunate soldier.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 22, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Members of the Praha Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, arranged a surprise party in honor of their fellow member, Mr. Jan Smidl. On this occasion a collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage was undertaken by Mrs. Josephina Sedlacek. The proceeds of the collection, which amounted to \$30, were deposited in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 22, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bohemian Charitable Association arranged a surprise party last Sunday in honor of Mrs. Terezie Hajicek and her two daughters, 2406 South Ridgeway Avenue, on the occasion of their departure for a visit to Czechoslovakia. A souvenir was bought for Mrs. Hajicek and her daughters, and the remaining sum was donated to charitable causes. The sum of \$5 was donated to the Bohemian Charitable Association and the rest, amounting to \$2.50, will be sent to Czechoslovakia for the benefit of Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 20, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: Names of donors and amounts contributed by each are omitted in translation: Total, \$9,50.7

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mr. Karel Wilt, 2314 West 50th Place, deposited two dollars in our office.

Mrs. Anna Novak, a member of the Drahomira Lodge No. 66 of the Bohemian Ladies Unity, and Mrs. Anna Vodak, member of the Svornost Lodge of the Bohemian Sisterhood, arranged a surprise party last Thursday evening in honor of the well-known association workers, Mrs. Josefa Vodak and Mrs. Josefa Sedlacek. The party was held at Mr. Hacha's hall, 26th Street and Springfield Avenue. More than one hundred friends of the above-mentioned association workers attended this party. On that occasion, the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage

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was remembered. Mrs. Anna Vodak undertook a collection for the benefit of that institution, the proceeds of which amounted to \$12.50. This amount was deposited in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 20, 1921.

IN THE INTEREST OF THE  
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The Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost Opens  
Membership Drive

When the collection for the benefit of suffering children in Czechoslovakia was concluded by us--a collection that was a part of Mr. Herbert Hoover's successful nation-wide campaign--we were aware of other tasks which were dictated to us not only by our Czechoslovak sentiments, but by those of America and humanity in general. Now that we have accomplished a piece of good work for suffering Europe, and for Czechoslovakia especially, we know very well that it is impossible for us to arrest our activities, but that we must continue work in behalf of our local enterprises which also need our support. And if any of our enterprises are worthy of our support, one of them is the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association).

The Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost is purely a humane institution. The Association is composed of representatives of all classes of our people. Any

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local enlightened Czechoslovak of good will and good heart may become an active or a contributing member. The Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost and its Ladies' Auxiliary have many enthusiastic members. In spite of this, however, the Association cannot accomplish all its good work without calling on our people for assistance. The Association would like to depend only upon its own resources, and this would be possible if its membership would substantially increase so that all of its projected work could be accomplished without recourse to aid from the general public.

For that reason, a campaign was recently launched by the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost with the intention of obtaining the greatest possible number of new members. The Association ordered the printing of a variety of pamphlets and mailed them to our people and various organizations, requesting them to give these the best of attention. We therefore ask everybody who receives such communication not to throw it away but to read it carefully, and especially read the last annual report of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost. After reading this last annual report, the reader will gladly reach into his pocket

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and send the required five dollars as an annual fee together with the application for membership. When he realizes that by doing so he personally contributes to an institution that is recognized officially as one of the foremost charitable organizations of Chicago, and not only the foremost but the most unselfish and economical one, he will gladly make such contribution.

The Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost does not have a number of highly paid employees; it does not boast of having sumptuously equipped and large offices; but, on the other hand, it does have its one aim of utilizing every penny of its resources for those purposes for which it is meant--devoting its money to those who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in abject misery. It was for this reason that the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost was approved not only by the investigating authorities, but also by the committee of the Chicago Industrial League, which recommended it very highly by using it as an example to other organizations of the same kind.

Therefore, we ask everyone who is able to make contributions to become a

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member of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost. Every self-conscious and humane Czechoslovak should be proud to claim membership in this organization. Every self-conscious local Czechoslovak woman, especially the wives and mothers, should consider it her duty to belong to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost.

The contributing member pays an annual fee of five dollars, but there are no limits to charity. The more you give the better for the treasurer of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost, and the better for the unhappy and poor countrymen of ours who receive aid from this Association.

The Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost desires to be self-sufficient in this work. The Association would be grateful if by arrangement of balls and other forms of entertainment it would become unnecessary to seek aid from the general public. By having a larger number of members who would guarantee its income

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by their dues, the Association would not have to seek outside help, and its work would thus become much easier and more effective. In order to secure as many members as possible, the Association appointed a membership drive committee, the chairman of which is Mr. Vladimir Spatny. The ladies committee [Names of members of committee are omitted in translation.] developed a feverish activity during the last few days which certainly deserves the best results. It has mailed the above-mentioned request to organizations and to individuals. The request is accompanied by a coupon which is to be filled out and returned in the inclosed self-addressed envelope to the treasurer of the committee, Mr. Thomas Kallal, 3245 West 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In the next few days we will mention in greater detail some of the meritorious work which the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost is doing.

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WE DID ALL WE COULD

As we have previously informed our readers, midnight of Tuesday, March 15 terminated the collection undertaken by our newspaper for the benefit of the Hoover Relief Fund. People all over the United States contributed to the Fund, which is a gift from the American people to the suffering children of Central and Eastern Europe.

Having concluded this collection, we consider it our duty to place the result of the work before our people; we do so by publishing this report. We do so gladly, because on this occasion it is possible for us to inform you that our work has not been in vain, but, on the contrary, taking into consideration the prevailing conditions, it met with success as did the entire campaign in behalf of the Hoover Relief Fund.

Before reporting on our collection it will be necessary to state that this

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IV       superhuman work undertaken by Mr. Herbert Hoover, the present Secretary of Commerce in President Harding's Cabinet, started shortly before the Christmas holidays last year. The Czechoslovak-American Committee, which took care of the collection among Czechoslovak people of America, was formed soon afterward through the efforts of Dr. Bedrich Stepanek, Czechoslovak Ambassador at Washington D. C. Dr. Stepanek sent his special representative in the person of Dr. A. Suma who called a meeting of representatives of the Czechoslovak daily press. The meeting was held in the office of the local Czechoslovak consul, Dr. Jaroslav F. Smetanka, on December 22, 1920. In this meeting, plans were laid out for a campaign among the Czechoslovak people of America, especially those of Chicago, in behalf of the Hoover Relief Fund. The Czechoslovak-American Committee, representing our foremost national, benevolent, and other organizations, was formed. In this meeting it was also emphasized that the success of the Czechoslovak-American relief campaign would mostly depend upon the support of our daily newspapers. For that reason, an appeal was made to the representatives of the Czechoslovak press to support this campaign to the best of their abilities, because only in

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IV           that way could the action undertaken in behalf of the Hoover Relief Fund be crowned with success, and the aid, which is so desirously expected, for Czechoslovakia assured.

This appeal touched our hearts and we attacked the task with great energy, love, and enthusiasm. We began to work on the task around Christmas time, and since that time we daily appealed to the readers of our newspapers for contributions in behalf of poor suffering children in Czechoslovakia. Our readers, notwithstanding the fact that they were more than once bitterly disappointed in their faith, responded to our calls. At the beginning they were somewhat slow but later on they contributed more readily. The first contributions started to roll in first from the ranks of individuals, from our common poor people. Later on, but slowly, our well-to-do-people responded; Czechoslovak enterprises and rich corporations did not remain deaf to our calls. The month of January was one of the best months of the campaign because during that month we appealed to our people daily. During the months

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IV of February and March contributions were rolling in slowly. Therefore, it may be said that the task was accomplished by us in the period of only about six weeks.

All we have accomplished was done gladly because we considered it our duty. We did everything possible. For the results achieved we do not give credit to ourselves, but to them who responded to our appeals--to them who contributed. They deserve the credit. But the greatest of credit must be given to our common, plain people who do not come from the ranks of the rich and well-to-do class, but from the ranks of the poor. Without them the result of our collection would not have been as it is.

Up to midnight, March 15, the sum of \$6,555.17 was collected by us. To this amount we added the sum of \$16.26 which we received as interest from the bank. Therefore the total amount collected by us is \$6,571.43, which sum, according to the present quotation, is equivalent to five hundred thousand Czechoslovakian

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IV kronen. A check for the above-mentioned amount (in dollars) will be sent by us today to Dr. Bedrich Stepanek, Washington D. C. He is requested to give this check to Mr. Herbert Hoover as the amount collected by our newspaper in behalf of his Relief Fund.

The final meeting of the Czechoslovak-American Relief Committee was held in the office of the local Czechoslovak consulate yesterday. In this meeting, the final report on the collection was presented. We are publishing the report in another section of this newspaper.....

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A REPORT ON CZECHOSLOVAK ACTIVITY IN BEHALF  
OF THE HOOVER RELIEF FUND

The Czechoslovak-American Committee which directed the campaign undertaken for the benefit of the Hoover Relief Fund among Czechoslovaks of America, held its final meeting in the office of the local Czechoslovak consulate on Wednesday afternoon, March 16, 1921. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Charles J. Vopicka. The secretary, Mr. Jaroslav F. Smetanka, local consul of the Czechoslovak Republic, made it known that the Hoover Relief campaign, undertaken by Mr. Herbert Hoover in the United States for the benefit of the suffering children of Central and Eastern Europe, was successful in obtaining the sum of thirty-three million dollars. Even the Czechoslovak participation in this campaign was, considering the prevailing conditions, very satisfactory. In Chicago alone almost eighteen thousand dollars was collected. Mr. Hoover was constantly kept informed as to the progress of his campaign among us Czechoslovaks. This resulted in his increasing the original allotment of provisions for children of Czechoslovakia from one hundred thousand dollars to two hundred

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IV and fifty thousand dollars. In addition, medicaments will be provided for Czechoslovak children from the funds collected by the American Relief Council.

The detailed report on the activity of the Czechoslovak-American Committee of Chicago was prepared by Mr. V. B. Kosner, official of the local Czechoslovak consulate. The report reads as follows:

"The Czechoslovak-American Committee was formed to take care of the campaign which started on December 22, 1920 and ended yesterday, March 15, 1921. During the said time the sum of \$17,892.80 was collected. The administration work of the Committee was taken care of by the personnel of the Czechoslovak consulate of Chicago. Lieutenant Jarolim, who was appointed to take care of the administration work by Dr. A. Suma, economic attache of the Czechoslovak Embassy of Washington D. C., devoted most of his time to propagation.

"During the campaign three thousand five hundred letters were sent out to organizations and individuals. Through the courtesy of Reverend Dr. Vaclav Vanek, the

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IV directory of the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) was used. Dr. Vanek, because of his experience, was found to be very useful in helping the office routine and his counsel proved to be of advantage. Several meetings were arranged with the Priadky (Ladies Auxiliary of the Slovak League) and the Vcelky (Ladies Auxiliary of the Czechoslovak National Alliance), and one mass meeting was held in Sokol Chicago Hall where Dr. Jaroslav F. Smetanka, Dr. Anna Berkovec, and Mrs. Anna Novak, chairman of the Chicago Vcelky, were the speakers.

"More than one third of the total amount was collected by the Denni Hlasatel. Since the beginning of this campaign, the publishers of the Denni Hlasatel ardently co-operated with the Committee, and thanks to the unceasing efforts of Mr. Albert J. Havranek, a member of the editorial staff who was in charge of the propaganda, the Denni Hlasatel, by collecting the sum of \$6,571.43, attained first place. Second place was attained by the Slovaks of Chicago who immediately comprehended the significance of this campaign and collected the sum of \$2,129.10. Taking into consideration that there are not very many Slovaks in

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IV Chicago, the result may be called excellent. Third place was attained by the Daily Svornost, which collected the sum of \$1,619.

"Following is the list of our organizations and amounts they collected: The Chicago Vcelky, \$1,011.39; the Ceskoslovenske Narodni Sdruzeni v Americe (Czechoslovak National Alliance of America), \$913.30; the Jednota Ceskych Dam (Unity of Bohemian Ladies), \$881.50; Catholic organizations, \$767.50; the Sesterska Podporujici Jednota (Bohemian Sisterhood), \$388; the Cesko-Slovanske Podporujici Spolky (Czecho-Slavonic Benevolent Societies), \$299.15.

"A beautiful example of generosity was shown by the children attending the Vojta Naprstek Free Thought School who, under the leadership of their teachers, collected \$81.18. The sum of \$1,299.40 was collected from individuals. The total amounts received by the office of the Committee were: \$9,192.27 from the Bohemian section; \$2,129.10 from the Slovak section; total, \$11,321.37. This amount, according to the receipts of the treasurer of the Committee, was deposited in the Lawndale National Bank. The collection of the Denni Hlasatel,

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IV according to the announcement of its publishers, amounted to \$6,571.43, and was desposited at the Kaspar State Bank. [The names of organizations that contributed \$100 or more to the Relief Fund are omitted in translation.]

"In concluding its report, the office of the Committee announces the names of the good workers who made the success of the collection possible. Besides the above mentioned gentlemen (Reverend Dr. Vaclav Vanek and A. J. Havranek), the following deserve special mention: Mesdames Novak, Beranek, Smetanka, Kovar, Hulka, Ruzek, Polak, Martisovic, Buchta, Kuss, Sopociovvy, Schustek, Fajnor, Kosman and Michalic; Messrs. Votava, Kovar, Vrablik, and Poliak.

"Our organizations, without exception, labored in behalf of the Hoover Relief Fund, and in spite of the fact that an industrial stagnation existed during that period, the results were astonishing. The Czechoslovak-American Committee extends its most sincere thanks to all the contributors and fellow workers who have striven to make this collection a success. The knowledge that they have contributed and labored in behalf of those little innocent victims of the World

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IV War is a sufficient reward for their efforts."

The report was unanimously approved. Mr. Frank G. Hajicek, treasurer of the committee, was requested to send the amount of \$11,321.37, now deposited at the Lawndale State Bank, to the Ambassador of the Czechoslovak Republic, Dr. Bedrich Stepanek, in Washington D. C., with a request that he personally deliver this amount to Mr. Herbert Hoover. Mr. Albert J. Havranek, reporting for the Denni Hlasatel, stated that the publishers of the Denni Hlasatel will also send the amount of \$6,571.43 to Dr. Bedrich Stepanek immediately.

In regards to contributions which may be yet received, it was resolved to send these contributions directly to the Ceskoslovenska Pece o Dite (Czechoslovak Child Welfare Association of Prague, Czechoslovakia).

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 13, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mr. Fred Holubar deposited the sum of \$1 in our office.

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Anton Ouradnik donated the sum of \$2.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 6, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, eight dollars.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$1.50.

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Denni Klasatel, Mar. 4, 1921.

FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE LIBERTY BAZAAR ARRANGED BY  
THE CZECHOSLOVAK RELIEF COMMITTEE

Proceeds of the raffle of a picture donated by the great Bohemian artist, Mr. Alphonse Mucha . . . . .	\$288.25
Various contributions. . . . .	191.00
Proceeds from bazaar booths. . . . .	<u>334.90</u>
Total receipts. . . . .	\$814.15
Total disbursements. . . . .	<u>7.05</u>
Net proceeds . . . . .	\$807.10
Additional receipts. . . . .	<u>81.25</u>
Total net proceeds . . . . .	\$888.35



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For the bazaar committee of the Ceskoslovensky Pomocny Vybor:

Barbora Scheffl, chairman;  
Ruzena Lusk, secretary;  
Aloisie Hajek, treasurer.

The proceeds of the bazaar were sent to the president of the Czechoslovak Red Cross, Dr. Alice G. Masaryk, of Prague, Czechoslovakia, who acknowledged the receipt of it by the following letter:

"To the Ceskoslovensky Pomocny Vybor of Chicago:

"I acknowledge hereby the receipt of a letter dated January 3, 1921, in which you sent me draft No. 28563, issued by the American State Bank for the amount of 108,966 Czechoslovak kronen, and which sum you sent for the benefit of the orphans of our fallen Legionnaires.

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"I thank you most heartily for your most generous gift. I should like to convince you that the idea back of it pleases us more than the amount itself, and that you are helping us in our difficult work. I know very well that it was not easy for you to collect such a large sum of money, and that it was only your love for your old homeland that helped you in this beautiful task.

"Therefore, I thank you most heartily for your gift which was sent under the impulse of so noble a sentiment--the sacrificial devotion to your brothers. But I wish chiefly to thank you in the name of our little ones whose losses occasioned by the war will be replaced by your generosity.

"Respectfully yours,

"Dr. Alice G. Masaryk,

"President of the Czechoslovak Red Cross."

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Denní Hlasatel, Mar. 1, 1921.

A LETTER OF THANKS

Messrs. Chýna and Petránek, real-estate brokers in Cicero, Illinois, received a letter recently in which the management of the war orphanage, Joaneum, of Prague, Czechoslovakia, thanked them for monetary contributions sent for the benefit of this institution. As we announced on a previous occasion, the sum of 1,315.75 Czechoslovakian kronen was sent to the above-named institution. At the present time, there are 140 orphans in this institution, and in the name of these unfortunate children, the board of directors thanks all those people who contributed.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 27, 1921.

FIFTEENTH OF MARCH IS THE DEAD LINE

If anyone of our readers did not perform his duty as an American toward suffering Czechoslovakia, as Mr. Herbert Hoover asked in his great campaign undertaken throughout the United States for contributions in behalf of suffering children in the young republic; if anyone did not perform his duty as an American Czechoslovak, to whom this newspaper has been appealing for such a long time; and if anyone did not perform his duty toward the children in Czechoslovakia who are calling for help, he can still do so.

Contributions toward the Hoover's Relief Fund, for suffering children in Czechoslovakia, may be deposited in our office until March 15, 1921. All contributions received by us until that day will be sent to Dr. Bedrich Stepanek, Czechoslovak ambassador at Washington D. C., with a request to deliver these contributions to Mr. Herbert Hoover as a collection undertaken by the Denni Hlasatel in behalf of his relief fund.

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All contributions sent to us later on also will be accepted, but will be equally divided by us between the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund and the Bohemian Orphanage in Brno, and will be sent directly to Czechoslovakia.....

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Joaneum, an institution for crippled children in Prague, Czechoslovakia, several of our countrymen deposited their contributions in our office. Heretofore, the sum of thirteen dollars was collected. This sum, which is equivalent to one thousand Czechoslovakian kronen, was sent by us through the Skala State Bank to the above-mentioned institution.

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THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Česká Dobročinná  
Společnost Presented in Its Annual Meeting Held  
Wednesday February 23, 1921, in Pilsen Park Pavilion

The Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) of the City of Chicago is meeting again today in order to report on its activities during the past year. The Association was organized in the month of February, 1910, and since that time, the sum of \$54,732.33 has been paid out. Cash on hand on December 31, 1920, was \$5,762.01, and therefore the association has collected \$60,494.34 during the term of its existence.

In the annual meeting held on February 20, 1920, a board of directors, consisting of twenty-four members, was appointed as follows: Directors whose terms will expire in 1923: Messrs. Frank G. Hájíček, Frank J. Petru, Roman Sedláček, Anton Laadt, Joseph F. Bolek, Stanislav J. Loula, Anton J. Čermák, and Joseph Maleček.

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Directors whose terms will expire in 1922: Messrs. Otto Kerner, John A. Červenka, Edward Kvídera, J. Čihák, Louis Šolar, Chas. J. Novák, William K. Pflaum, Dr. F. A. Dostál.

Directors whose terms will expire in the year 1921: Reverend Václav Vaněk, Messrs. Anton Schnábl, John A. Sokol, Karel V. Janovský, Joseph Dušek, Jan Florian, Jan Krupka, and Joseph Anděl.

The ladies' auxiliary was represented in the board of directors by the following ladies: Mrs. Marie Janovský, Mrs. Marie J. Sokol, and Mrs. Josefina Sedlacek. The Bohemian daily newspapers were represented by authorized deputies.

In the meeting of the board of directors held March 5, 1920, in the office of the Association, the following officers were elected: [There follows a list of officers for the various districts.]



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The board of directors held eighteen regular meetings during the year 1920.....

The brief report on the activities of our office manager, Miss Marie J. Hutter, is as follows: Interviews held in the office, 1,220; telephone calls answered, 1,301; communications received, 462; communications answered, 4,510; post cards sent out, 1,377; calls made, 418. The office manager attended several meetings of the United Charities. In ten cases, she appeared before the Court of Domestic Relations; in six cases before the Juvenile Court. At the time of the Charity Ball, she sent out 3,675 letters, etc.

The following physicians rendered their services free of charge: Dr. F. E. Dostál, Dr. Frank J. Jirka, Dr. Antonin Mueller, Dr. Leopold Wedeles, and Dr. Pavlík, who performed a surgical operation on one of our countryman in the West Side Hospital.....

To conclude our annual report, we express our gratitude to all the officers

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who performed their duties conscientiously. Special recognition should be given to our chairman of the board of directors, Mr. Stanislav J. Loula, and to the president of the ladies' auxiliary, Mrs. Marie Krupka, for their prudent and generous services.....

Our association is endorsed by the Chicago Association of Commerce, and its support is recommended.

Financial Statement of the Česká Dobročinná  
Společnost for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Receipts:

Membership fees, . . . . .	\$1,548.34
Contributions, . . . . .	1,612.30
Proceeds from the tag day, . . . . .	2,401.00
Proceeds from the charity ball, . . . . .	2,051.55
Interest on deposits, . . . . .	98.40

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Miscellaneous, . . . . .	\$ 149.50
Total receipts, . . . . .	\$ 7,861.09
Cash on hand January 1, 1920, . . . . .	5,724.97
Net total, . . . . .	\$13,586.06

Disbursements:

Relief Action

Paid out in rentals, . . . . .	\$ 1,950.50
Relief in cash, . . . . .	1,485.22
Food, . . . . .	1,279.90
Fuel, . . . . .	38.10
Clothes and shoes, . . . . .	797.02
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	220.35
Total, . . . . .	\$ 5,771.09

Office expenses:

Salaries, . . . . .	\$ 1,320.00
Rental, heat, etc., . . . . .	514.46

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Telephone, postage, car fares, . . . . .	\$ 108.25
Office supplies, . . . . .	110.25
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$ 2,052.96</u>
 Total disbursements, . . . . .	 \$7,824.05
Cash on hand December 31, 1920, . . . . .	\$5,762.01.

Reverend Václav Vaněk, secretary.

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#### VARIOUS COLLECTIONS

Our countrymen who attended the public schools in Hromice on Židlice, County of Plzeň, Czechoslovakia, many years ago, undertook a collection for the benefit of poor school children in those places. The following people contributed: [There follows a list of contributors and the amounts contributed.] The total proceeds of the collection, amounting to sixty-five dollars, were sent through Mr. Frank Sládek to our homeland.

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THE BOHEMIAN KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY

The Patronát Besídky a Dětské Opatrovny (Board of Directors of the Bohemian Kindergarten and Nursery) wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to all the lodges, courts, orders, unions, societies, and Sokol units mentioned below for sending their delegates to its midst and for contributions deposited for the benefit of the Besídka a Dětská Opatrovna. [There follows the list of organizations and amounts contributed.] Total, \$151.

The Patronát Besídky a Dětské Opatrovny fully appreciates the favors of our Bohemian societies, and in expressing its thanks once more, begs for continued favors.

For the Patronát Besídky a Dětské Opatrovny,

Julie Pinc, chairman.

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Denní Hlasatel, Feb. 27, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$1.75.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 23, 1921.

FOR THE GOOD CAUSE

Our important charitable institution, the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, was remembered at the surprise party arranged in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hlavacek, 3523 West 25th Street, and held in Kaska's hall on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. Mrs. Frantiska Mlejnsky and Mrs. Tokla Hajbl undertook a collection among the guests for the benefit of this institution, and the sum of fourteen dollars was collected. This amount was deposited in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 20, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk fund for children in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$4.75.

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Denní Hlasatel, Feb. 15, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mr. J. A. Denemark, 1920 South Racine Avenue, deposited ten dollars in our office; Mr. Frank Doubek, 1919 South Racine Avenue, five dollars; and Mr. William Doubek, 1345 South 61st Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, five dollars.

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Denní Hlasatel, Feb. 13, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$22,45.

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Denní Hlasatel, Feb. 12, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

At the surprise party arranged in honor of Mrs. A. Sýkora, Mrs. Bessie Kafka and Mrs. Doležal undertook a collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage and St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois. The collected amount of \$11.20 was deposited in our office and will be equally divided between the two above-named institutions.

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Denní Hlasatel, Feb. 6, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

In the annual meeting of the shareholders of the West Side Wholesale Grocery Company, a well-known Bohemian wholesale house located at 2139-2141 South Kedzie Avenue, the sum of fifty dollars was appropriated for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. This amount was deposited in our office by the secretary of the company, Mr. Jos. J. Krákora.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, the surviving children of the late Mr. Joseph Tetřev deposited ten dollars in our office.

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund, Mr. M. M. Trnka deposited ten dollars in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 4, 1921.

### A RESPONSE TO OUR CALL

The Pilsen Products Company, formerly known as the Pilsen Brewery Company, has again proved that it fully deserves to be looked upon as an enterprise which participated in the past, is participating at the present time, and will take part in the future in all the national and philanthropic activities of local Czechoslovaks. Although the company itself, with its board of directors, already contributed the sum of \$190 for the benefit of suffering children in Czechoslovakia, these children were remembered again by its shareholders with a gift which is much larger.

The shareholders of the Pilsen Products Company held their annual meeting Tuesday afternoon and evening in the Pilsen Park pavilion. After the execution of business matters, the elections followed. The following shareholders were elected officers of the company: Mr. John A. Cervenka, president; Mr. T. Seidl, vice-president; Mr. Roman Sedlacek, secretary; Mr. A. F.

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Jiruska, treasurer. In the evening, an informal entertainment was held.

In the course of the entertainment, Mr. John A. Cervenka, a willing and enthusiastic Bohemian-American national worker, spoke in behalf of Mr. Herbert Hoover's relief fund, which at present is being undertaken throughout the United States, and appealed to present shareholders to do something for the suffering children in Czechoslovakia. After having emphasized the fact that a great deed of mercy would be accomplished, he ordered envelopes distributed with a request that contributions be put into them.

The envelopes, with money inserted, soon started coming in, and after these were cut open, it was found that the following shareholders contributed:

[There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$256.75.

This money was deposited in our office with the request to add this amount to our collection.....

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

At the wedding of Mr. W. A. Sejnoha and Miss Marie Cerny, Mrs. Marie Sejnoha, 5350 South Winchester Avenue, undertook a collection for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage and St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois. [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$41.25. The total amount was deposited in our office, and the sum of \$20.63 will be sent to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage and \$20.62 to St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mrs. Anna Soukup, 1525 South Tripp Avenue, deposited \$3 in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 3, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

At the meeting of the Krouzek Ceskych Dam v Brookfield (Circle of Bohemian Ladies of Brookfield) held last Sunday, Mrs. Kolar moved to appropriate a specific amount for the benefit of children in Jugoslavia. The sum of ten dollars was appropriated from the treasury. For the same purpose, the following ladies contributed: Mrs. Barbora Vanek, \$5; Mrs. Blaha, \$5; Mrs. Kolar, \$3; the proceeds of a bunco party, \$4. The total amount representing the sum of twenty-seven dollars was sent through Mrs. Vanek to Jugoslavia, her former home.

Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 2, 1921.

HAVE THE WEALTHY NO HEART?

Many times in our appeals published in this newspaper have we emphasized the fact that Mr. Herbert Hoover's relief campaign is rapidly nearing its conclusion. Before we know it, the day will arrive when it will be decided to which of the many foreign language groups shall go the palm of humanity. The Poles are silent, but they do work. As we have learned, the Poles are working hard to realize their boast, expressed publicly sometime ago, that they will take first place, and that they will prove to Mr. Herbert Hoover that they were and still are the most generous group among the foreign language groups in Chicago. And they intend to take first place not only in Chicago, but in the whole State of Illinois. Our information is correct. We can truthfully say that the Poles, especially during the last couple of days, have set forth their best efforts and have been working feverishly not only in their great organizations, but also among individuals in order to make their own collection, undertaken in behalf of Mr. Hoover's relief fund for the benefit of suffering

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children in Central and Eastern Europe, the largest among the foreign language groups in America.

In regard to this fact, it will be of interest to notice what the Czechoslovaks of Chicago have done and what they are still doing in behalf of Mr. Hoover's relief work. Do you wish to know how far the collections by Chicago Czechoslovaks have progressed? We must tell you that we are ashamed of the results so far achieved, in spite of the fact that a few individuals and several of our corporations have proved their great generosity. The proceeds of the collections undertaken by them have not yet reached the height of a single gift contributed by one Slovak of Scranton, Pennsylvania. And we do not exaggerate, nor do we try to scare you a bit. But we can say that it would be humiliating for the Bohemians of Chicago if they permit an individual to defeat a settlement which is the largest in America and which, on various occasions, likes to boast that it is the most enlightened and the most active settlement in the United States.

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But where is the large group of our really wealthy people? Where is the large group of our corporations and businessmen who quite often boast about their wealth? Where is their share in this great human action, the slogan of which should be "Everything for the child"?

It is really a shame to look over the list of contributions which have already been deposited. What does the collection list reveal? Only the names of people who represent the poor and working classes. Our wealthy countrymen, with very few exceptions, remain deaf to our appeals, which are primarily addressed to them. Their pockets remain closed when it comes to humanitarian work, and they act as if they were not concerned.

These people are mistaken. They are hostile to themselves. People, or at least the great mass of the people, are not stupid. They can see very well, and they do notice everything. They will point the finger of scorn at these wealthy people at the earliest opportunity when these people try to force themselves upon others as prominent Czechoslovaks and unselfish and generous

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patriots. The people will then tell these hypocrites that we do not care for leaders who only wish to appear and shine before the public, but who never do anything for the benefit of public or national causes in order to prove that they are also people with generous hearts.

These rich people would do well if they meditated upon the possibility of their own children's finding themselves in circumstances similar to those of hundreds of thousands of Czechoslovakian children in the old homeland. Nobody should think of his property and his wealth too highly. Something may happen and the wealth, no matter how great, may be wiped out in one day. It is a satisfaction for a man to know that he has never missed an opportunity to do his duties, whether they be national or purely human.

Our wealthy Czechoslovak countrymen! You are facing the danger of being condemned by hundreds of thousands of children who are suffering in Czechoslovakia. Remember, therefore, while there is still time, the future of the Czechoslovak

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Republic; remember the Bohemian and Slovak children, afflicted with white plague and hunger. Do your duty toward these children so that they may bless their friends overseas.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 1, 1921.

IN BEHALF OF THE BOHEMIAN OLD PEOPLE'S  
HOME AND ORPHANAGE

At the wedding of Miss Albina Kallal to Mr. Joseph Jira, celebrated on January 15, Miss Anna Jira, a bridesmaid, undertook a collection for the benefit of our charitable associations. Through her efforts, the sum of fourteen dollars was collected. Of this amount, seven dollars was given to St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois, and seven dollars was deposited in our office for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage.

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Denni Hlasatel, Feb. 1, 1921.

### A RESPONSE TO OUR APPEAL

A friendly entertainment arranged to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frantisek Dvorak and held at Mr. Basta's hall, 3042 West 26th Street, last Saturday night was well attended by many friends of the celebrants. In the group was a well-known patriot, Mr. Anton Petrzelka, carpenter and contractor, who, in the course of the entertainment, moved to arrange a collection for the benefit of children in Czechoslovakia. Everybody agreed. Therefore, a collection was immediately undertaken, and the sum of twenty-two dollars was collected.

Mr. Basta, the proprietor of the hall, added three dollars to this sum, so that the total proceeds from the collection amounted to twenty-five dollars. Mr. Jan Vilimek deposited this sum in our office. We hope that this exemplary and generous deed will be duplicated by our countrymen on similar occasions.



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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 30, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$2.90.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 30, 1921.

A RESPONSE TO OUR APPEAL

An Exemplary Deed of the Garden City Brewery

Brief news from the Garden City Brewery appeared in our newspaper yesterday. We reported that the stockholders of the Garden City Brewery held their annual meeting last Wednesday, and that after the transaction of business matters, they appropriated remarkable amounts for the benefit of our national and benevolent institutions. In reporting other contributions, we did not mention the largest one. As a surprise for our Czechoslovak people, we have not published the report until today in order that the greatest possible number of our readers may convince themselves again about the generosity of the Garden City Brewery, which has always occupied first place among our other local Czechoslovak corporations in any of our national or humanitarian endeavors.

The Garden City Brewery, through its president, Mr. A. J. Zahrobsky, and

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its treasurer, Mr. Matej Pisarik, deposited \$385.10 in our office as a contribution from the board of directors and individual stockholders to Hoover's relief fund for the benefit of children in Czechoslovakia. The contribution for this purpose was gladly received by us, because it is one of the largest so far deposited.....

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THE WORK OF OUR NURSES  
IS RECOGNIZED

During the war, under the auspices of the American Red Cross, series of lectures were given throughout the United States for the purpose of training women and girls in hygiene, the nursing of sick persons, and how to give first aid to those who are hurt. Our Czechoslovak ladies and girls also organized one such detachment, and two hundred of them, under the direction of Dr. Antonin Mueller, attended the course. These detachments were not organized as temporary organizations, for they are now under the supervision of government departments, and they are required to report regularly on the activities of their members and how these members apply their knowledge in practical life.

Recently, such a report on the work of the Czechoslovak detachment was sent by Dr. Mueller to Dr. H. N. Gentles, director of the Chicago branch

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of the American Red Cross. The report contains some very interesting facts about how members of the detachment occasionally use their knowledge in practical life. Their knowledge of first aid was sometimes very useful and welcome. In many cases the graduates of the course could successfully attend to maternity cases when no other help was available.

The report of Dr. Mueller contains many such examples, and Dr. H. W. Gentles was so pleased with the work of our ladies and girls that he sent this report as an example of the activities of the Czechoslovak ladies to Colonel Conner, one of the main office directors of the military relief of Washington, D. C. and to Dr. Peters, superior officer of other government departments, also in Washington. This recognition will be the best encouragement to our nurses in their future endeavors.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 29, 1921.

### IN BEHALF OF CHILDREN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Quite often it is asserted that children who are born or brought up here in the United States cannot sympathize with Czechoslovakia, the birthplace of their parents, like those who were born in Czechoslovakia and who came to the United States to live here. We agree with this assertion, but only to a certain extent. We are neither willing nor able to agree with this completely.

We know that very much depends upon the education which the children receive at home. If at home the parents speak only with love and reverence for their native land, then at least some feeling for the old country may be instilled into the hearts of their children. In all of its actions, a child responds solely on the basis of emotion rather than reason. Therefore, if the parents who were born in Czechoslovakia teach their children to love the homeland, then the children could learn to sympathize with Czechoslovakia, and the Czechoslovak-American children would adhere to our old homeland with more love and reverence than they seem to have today.

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It would be sufficient, for example, to speak before the children about the glorious past of the Bohemians, to tell them about the terrible oppression and suffering that the Bohemians, Moravians, Silesians, and Slovaks had to endure just because they loved their country. It would be sufficient to tell them about the great and superhuman sacrifices which our people had to perform before their long-deserved freedom was gained.

Mr. and Mrs. Cusat, of 1254 South Mildare Avenue, seem to be rearing their granddaughter, Lillian Cusat, in just this way. Lillian, who is only nine years old, seems to have learned how to perform good deeds, as was demonstrated last Wednesday when she was celebrating her ninth birthday. On that day, she received a monetary gift from her grandfather and grandmother and was told to buy something for this money. But Lillian bought nothing. She added the money to her own savings and sent the total sum, amounting to six dollars, to our office through our fellow-employee, Mr. Stanislav Trnka. She sent word that the whole amount was to be added to a collection undertaken by Mr. Hoover for poor children in Europe. She learned that children in Czechoslovakia are suffering,

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and therefore she would like to help them. Her grandfather and grandmother give her everything she needs, and she would rather send the money to the children in Czechoslovakia than to buy sweets for herself. She would also like to hear that her example is being followed by many Czechoslovak children who reside here.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 23, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for children in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, 1.85.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 14, 1941.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The employees of Krázek's grocery store undertook a collection to which the following contributed: Mr. Krázek, \$5; Mr. Hahn, \$2; Mr. J. Korman, \$1. Many others also donated smaller sums. The total amount of thirteen dollars is destined for the Joanneum, an institution for poor and crippled children in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The above-mentioned sum was deposited in our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 22, 1931.

The Filser Brewery Company, which recently was the owner of "Filser Products Company", has always been one of the most generous and generous of our local Czech-Slovak-American organizations in its support of philanthropic activities in the community. The company, headed by its president, Mr. John A. Jarvick, is very well known, especially since the time when the Filser-Brewery Company was in the business of manufacturing other products, known to be produced in the same way as the other products. The Filser-Brewery Company is a charitable organization, and the products of these charitable projects are still a part of this organization's enthusiasm.

According to the report which is being published every day in the newspaper in the field of suffering children in the Czech-Slovak, the company, through its secretary, Mr. J. A. Jarvick, has been in the office of the company for one hundred dollars to its own contribution, the amount of \$100.00.

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representing the right of the Director General, as a member of the board of Directors for the International American Commission on Intellectual Property, contributed to the collection: For information of the Director General.

We joyfully report that the contributions, which began with the example of the Wilson Products Company, will be continued by other manufacturers and organizations of Chicago during the next few days.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 23, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

A new regulation was introduced in the restaurant and coffeehouse managed by Mr. Karel Pšenička, 1851 Blue Island Avenue. Under this new ruling, any guest who happens to throw a ball off the billiard table while playing a game of billiards shall pay a voluntary penalty of five cents. Every nickel collected in this manner shall be donated toward Hoover's relief fund for the benefit of children in Czechoslovakia.

In the course of two weeks, the sum of \$2.50 was collected in this manner. The above-mentioned amount was deposited in our office, and we were requested to send this, together with other contributions, to Mr. Hoover.

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Denní Mlasatel, Jan. 11, 1921.

IN BEHALF OF CHILDREN IN DISTRESS

The reasons why it is absolutely necessary for us here in America to help the children in Czechoslovakia were explained by prominent eyewitnesses yesterday at the meeting arranged by the Věelky (Ladies' Auxiliary of the Czechoslovak National Alliance) and other ladies' organizations at the Capitol Club Hall. The meeting itself was a significant part of the action suggested in behalf of the little sufferers in our old homeland. Judging from the enthusiastic audience which applauded the speakers, it was apparent that the meeting was not held in vain, but that the results of the meeting would afford evidence during the next few days of the increasing sympathy of our people.

Shortly after 8 P. M., Mrs. Novák, president of the Věelky, introduced Dr. Jana Perkevec, a prominent social worker from Czechoslovakia, who explained at length why it is still necessary to help our old homeland and why our poor children, especially, should be remembered.

She said: "In our new Republic, there are one million children for whom we

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must provide food in order to save them from starvation. These children must be saved for our nation. The Republic herself, without outside help, can take care of 750,000 of these little sufferers. The hundred and fifty thousand are dependent upon outside help.".....

During the course of the meeting a collection for the benefit of Mr. Hoover's fund was undertaken. The proceeds of the collection amounted to \$2.21.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 17, 1921.

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Mr. Anton Ranzl, 2743 South Parker Avenue, undertook a collection for the benefit of orphans in Clevely, Czechoslovakia. The following countrymen contributed: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$5.48.

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Denní Vlasatel, Jan. 11, 1921.

CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

The monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charity Association), held Friday at the office of the Association, 3403 South Halsted Avenue, was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Stanislav J. Boula. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read. The following contributions were then announced: The Wilson Drawing Company, \$50; the Atlas Printing Company, \$40; the Fisher Supply Company, \$35; Anton Vnčák and Sons, \$5; Mr. Anton Lach, \$5; Reverend Václav Vnčák, \$5; Mr. Vladimír Španýl, \$5; Sister John Foma, \$5; Mr. Josef J. Kovár, \$5. Mr. Frank A. Hájíček handed the roll of donors and stamps. Mr. Anton J. Černák donated two dollars in postage stamps.

The financial report on the bill of the State Council of the Republic, dated October 19, was read and approved. The bill will be read as follows:

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Denní Blástatel, Jan. 11, 1921.

Receipts:

Admission tickets,	1,314.40
Wardrobe,	123.03
Refreshments,	173.85
Candies and cookies,	95.75
Restaurant,	235.08
Flowers,	112.50
Hilsen Brewing Company, gift,	35.00
Mr. James McAndrews, gift,	15.00
Total receipts,	<u>2,404.53</u>
Expenses,	<u>1,453.08</u>
Net proceeds,	2,051.55

Following this, the report of the committee on the Christmas collection was approved. The net proceeds of the Christmas collection amounted to \$1,530.45.

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Box 1, Jan. 11, 1941.

Seventy-nine families were given monetary gifts, and Christmas baskets were given to two hundred families. The remaining sum from the collection will be used to provide clothes for poor children.....

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 11, 1921.

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Mrs. Božena Losck, 1548 Washburne Avenue, undertook a collection for the benefit of suffering people in Košice, Czechoslovakia. The following countrymen contributed toward the collection: [These follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$27.50.

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Denni Mlasatel, Jan. 10, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

A collection for the benefit of orphans in Czechoslovakia was undertaken by members and guests attending the New Year's party arranged by the Klub Ceskych Dobraku (Bohemian Good Fellows Club). The sum of \$21.50, which is equivalent to 1,750 Czechoslovakian kronen, was sent through Mr. Frana Klepal to the Joaneum, an institution for crippled children and orphans in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

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Denni Hlasatel, Jan. 9, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

We have been informed that good deeds were not forgotten at the annual meeting of the Tabor Supply Company, a well-known Bohemian enterprise. The sum of fifty dollars was appropriated for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage; fifty dollars for St. Joseph's Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois; twenty-five dollars for the Bohemian Charitable Association; and twenty-five dollars for Hoover's relief fund.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 9, 1941.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The following contributions were deposited in our office: For the benefit of the Dr. Alice J. Saryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$6.90.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$1.50.

For the benefit of the St. Joseph's Orphanage of Little, Illinois: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$4.00.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 3, 1931.

THE LODRE PILSEN LODGE'S COLLECTION

The Lodge Pilzeň (Pilsen) No. 272 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows held its regular meeting on December 16 at which, as usual, good deeds were not forgotten. Mr. Karel Šenička, a member of the lodge and a well-known restaurateur, asked all those who were present to undertake a collection for the benefit of suffering children in Czechoslovakia and to contribute this amount toward Hoover's relief fund. The collection was immediately undertaken, and the sum of twenty-five dollars was collected. Mr. Šenička then deposited this amount in our office.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 5, 1921.

IN RELIEF OF ORPHANS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Mr. Henry Liberacký, 2322 South Bond Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, sent \$3.75 representing the proceeds from a collection undertaken at the wedding party of Mr. and Mrs. Josef Prokop.

Denní hlasatel, Jan. 3, 1921.

A GOOD EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

Many happy groups of our countrymen met at Mr. Karel Šenička's restaurant, 1651 Blue Island Avenue, Friday night to celebrate New Year's Eve. At midnight, this group performed a deed which deserves full recognition and which should serve as an example for other similar occasions. Greeting the New Year, Mr. Joseph Vít, violin player, undertook a collection for a good cause. A wish was expressed to donate the contributions, amounting to seven dollars, to Mr. Hoover's relief fund. The said amount was deposited in our office.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 4, 1921.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of a crippled Czechoslovakian soldier, Mr. Hyrák of Nová Ves, near Uherský Ostroh, Czechoslovakia, the following amounts were contributed by our countrymen: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, eleven dollars.

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Denní Hlasatel, Jan. 3, 1931.

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For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$19.50.

For the benefit of St. Joseph's Orphanage in Erie, Illinois, the following contributions were deposited: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$12.50.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Charitable Association, the following contributions were deposited: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$4.

For the benefit of the Federation of Bohemian Freethinkers of America, the following contributions were deposited: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$2.

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The Czecho Slovak Review, January 1921

HOOVER'S CHILDREN - THE CAMPAIGN IS ON.



When Herbert Hoover issued his call for \$33,000,000 to keep from starving three and a half million of children in Central Europe, there was an immediate response from Czechoslovaks in America. In Chicago, the publisher and editor of the Daily Svornost set to collect a Czechoslovak fund for Hoover by appeals through the columns of that influential newspaper.

It was difficult to make a showing of distinctly Czechoslovak gifts, because on the one hand wealthy members contributed through trade organizations directly to state or city treasurers of the European Relief Council, and on the other hand the working men, who have been most generous in supporting their native land, have about reached the stage where they felt that they had given enough. Since the summer of 1914 one appeal after another was made to Bohemians and Slovaks in America for funds. Considerably more than one million dollars was collected to finance the campaign for the establishment of the Czechoslovak Republic. Hundreds of thousands were spent by women on comforts for Czechoslovak legionnaires in France and Siberia. Many millions of dollars have been forwarded to the new Republic since the armistice in money and supplies destined for relatives,

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as well as for the Czechoslovak Red Cross, the Child Welfare, to poor of various cities etc. Thus after more than six years of constant giving the new appeal on behalf of hungry children was apparently doomed to meet with indifferent response. The farmers gave the excuse that they could not sell their crops, and the working men in the city blamed their lack of enthusiasm on depressed industrial conditions.

But it was necessary to stir up the Czechoslovaks to one more effort. The campaign of the European Relief Council, the appeal to all American people to feed hungry children, among them many Czechoslovak children, could not be ignored by those who were kin to the little ones fed by Hoover. Czechoslovakia in particular owes Herbert Hoover a great debt of gratitude. In April 1919, when food supplies in the newly established Republic were low and there was grave danger of famine and possibly of internal convulsions, Hoover's American Relief Administration rushed shiploads of flour and fats from Trieste and Hamburg to Prague and other industrial centers and saved the day.



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It was only natural that Mr. Hoover would expect the Czecho-Slovaks in America to liberally support his drive, the success of which meant so much to hungry little stomachs in Bohemia and Slovakia; besides, Mr. Hoover knew well what Bohemians and Slovaks had done in the past. One year ago, when his American Relief Administration asked for contributions to clothe children they contributed \$63,000. Hoover expects fully as much in the present drive.

Minister Stepanek sent to Chicago just before Christmas, Dr. Anton Sum, who until recently was in charge of the Prague office of Czecho-slovak Child Welfare (Pece o dite) and who is now Social Welfare attache to the Washington legation. Chicago is the great Bohemian centre of the United States, and here Dr. Sum was made acquainted with the heads of the principal organizations, editors of newspapers, bankers, leading women workers etc. A committee was promptly organized to take charge of collecting for the European Relief Council among Czechoslovaks of Chicago and neighboring states.....

About 2500 letters were sent out and daily appeals, prepared by the committee, were given prominent space by three Bohemian dailies and one Slovak weekly



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The Czecho Slovak Review, January 1921

published in Chicago.....

Among the Bohemian papers special credit must be given to the Daily Hlasatel which contributed \$500 to the cause and collected nearly ten times as much from its subscribers.....

The campaign is still on, and the financial results cannot be approximated. But it seems certain that in spite of the difficulties with which the Hoover drive among the Czechoslovaks in America must contend the sum contributed toward clothing for children a year ago will be overtopped by the amount to feed the hungry children of Europe.





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INTEREST IN HOOVER'S RELIEF ACTION IS GROWING  
Voices Supporting Hoover Are Not Voices  
Crying in the Wilderness

The hearts of the Czechoslovak people of Chicago have been stirred already. Contributions for the benefit of starving children in Czechoslovakia are coming in. In some cases these contributions are unusually large. But most of the contributors, although they are not rich, are sending the sum of ten dollars, which will provide food for one Bohemian or Slovak child until the next crop is gathered.

The Czechoslovak committee for Hoover's relief action made large gains when, at the last meeting of the committee, Mr. Karel J. Vopička, until recently our United States ambassador to Rumania, promised all possible help and accepted the chairmanship of the committee. Mr. Vopička recently returned from Europe, and he knows very well from his own experiences how the poor people of Central Europe and Czechoslovakia, especially, are suffering.

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Although at present he is busy writing a book about his World War experiences of many years, nevertheless he recognizes the importance of the relief action, and he is willing to help as much as he can.

Mr. Frank G. Hájíček, president of the Lawndale National Bank, accepted the office of treasurer of the Czechoslovak committee.

Collection books, each containing twenty-five receipt sheets, are ready for distribution. A number of zealous and willing workers called for these books. Anybody who wants to help our children can get these collection books from the treasurer of the committee at the Lawndale State Bank or at the office of the committee, 3734 West 26th Street. The collected amount will then be deposited at the office of this newspaper. The name of every contributor will be published. The money will then be sent to Dr. Bedřich Stěpánek, Washington, D. C., who will deliver the total amount collected among the Czechoslovaks of America to Mr. Herbert Hoover, the originator of this great campaign. The purpose of this campaign which is being undertaken throughout the United States

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is to collect thirty-three million dollars needed by Mr. Hoover to provide food for children of Central Europe until the time when the next crop is harvested. The sum of ten dollars is sufficient to feed one Bohemian or Slovak child until that time. Would it be possible for anybody here to eat heartily, knowing that although he could afford it, he had done absolutely nothing for the starving children? Therefore, help and help at once!

If the relief action undertaken by Mr. Herbert Hoover with such love and enthusiasm were not so important and meritorious, then it surely would not be recommended by President Woodrow Wilson. He himself was among the first to respond and contribute a large amount. This relief action is also recommended by the newly elected President, Senator Warren G. Harding, who contributed a large amount.....

A Czechoslovak of Chicago must follow these above-mentioned examples. By not doing so, he will prove that he has a heart of stone. And a Czechoslovak of America never had such a heart. By his sentiment he always proved that he

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can act in an American, Czechoslovak, and human way. He has always worked willingly and enthusiastically. He has never given alms, but he has always performed his duty. And at this time he will certainly not evade this purely human, Czechoslovakian, and, in fact universal duty. He surely will convince Mr. Hoover that if he, as an American, has been able to work and accomplish a great deal for Czechoslovakia during the past, then so much the sooner, must a Czechoslovak of America perform his duty toward his old homeland, knowing that Mr. Hoover will give his support to Czechoslovakia again.....

In conclusion we say this: We do not ask everybody to contribute the whole ten dollars. Everybody should contribute as much as he can, according to his circumstances. But everybody should contribute at least something toward this noble cause.

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FOR THE BENEFIT OF AN UNFORTUNATE ACTOR

Recently, a collection was undertaken by members of the Ludvíkova Divadelní Společnost (Ludvík's Bohemian Dramatic Association) for the benefit of an unfortunate actor, Mr. František Bohuslav, who lost his sight in action. The following countrymen contributed to this collection: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$99.

The sum of 8,300 Czechoslovakian kronen was sent through the Skala State Bank. The president of the Skala State Bank, Mr. F. J. Skala, contributed 700 Czechoslovakian kronen toward this collection. Thus, Mr. František Bohuslav will receive the full amount of 9,000 Czechoslovakian kronen.

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FOR THE BENEFIT OF ORPHANS

A Christmas collection which yielded \$110 for the benefit of orphans was undertaken in the Hubbard Memorial Church by Reverend Václav Vaněk, pastor of that church and an enthusiastic national worker.

This is a worthy example for others to follow.....

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 28, 1920.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK SANITARY TRAINING  
DETACHMENT OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

The following countrywomen were graduated from the sanitary and nursing course of the American Red Cross, and after proper examination, received the diplomas from the headquarters located in Washington, D. C.: /There follows a long list of the graduates./

As is well known, this detachment is under the leadership of Dr. Antonín Mueller.

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 27, 1920.

TO OUR COUNTRYMEN FROM BYSTRICE NAD PERŠTÝNEM

Mr. Vladimír Kříž, a principal of the agricultural college of Bystřice nad Perštýnem, Czechoslovakia, is appealing to a great number of countrymen from Bystřice residing in Chicago to contribute toward the fund for the erection of a long-proposed Sokolovna (Sokol Hall). All contributions will be published, and the total list of donors will be sent to the proper place. Send your contributions to Mr. A. Prosecký, 1536 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. A. Prosecký contributed the sum of \$10.

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 26, 1920.

GENEROUS CHRISTMAS DONATIONS BY THE BOHEMIAN  
CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

Cordial Thanks to All Generous Donors

Christmas donations of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) were given away Friday, December 24, from 10 A. M. until 3 P. M. A letter was sent to each family recommended for relief to call in person and get these donations at the specified time. They all received generous gifts according to the size and financial conditions of this or that family. Each family received a large Christmas basket and a monetary gift ranging from five to twenty-five dollars, according to the number of children in the family. The orphans, in particular, were not forgotten.

The Christmas baskets were provided through the efforts of Alderman Anton J. Čermák. Two hundred and twenty-five of them were donated by the Chicago Herald Examiner. These were baskets of smaller size, and from them one hundred and twelve large baskets were made. The Elks' Chicago Lodge No. 4

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sent us twenty-one large baskets, worth about ten dollars apiece, which were given to the largest families. The Chicago Herald Examiner, besides the above-mentioned baskets, also sent seven barrels of dressed chickens--altogether three hundred and eighty-five chickens--and four hundred and fifty cakes, which were also distributed among the most needy families. Some of the largest families received as many as four chickens in order that a good Christmas dinner might be provided for them and in order that they might have enough left over for supper.

Dr. F. L. Fortelka and Dr. C. J. Fortelka informed us that a club, consisting of ten gentlemen, offered to take care of ten families recommended by the Česká Dobročinná Společnost. The club has appropriated the sum of one hundred dollars for this purpose. The members themselves investigated the recommended families and furnished Christmas baskets for them.....

In conclusion we report the names of philanthropists who during the last three days, have contributed toward the Christmas fund: Mr. Eddie Tancil, \$100;

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Mr. W. A. Wiebold, \$50; The National Printing and Publishing Company, \$50.  
[There follow the names of contributors of smaller amounts.] Total of the last three days, \$318; previously collected, \$1,210; total amount collected for the Christmas donations, \$1,528.

The Česká Dobročinná Společnost donated two barrels of poultry to the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage in order that a good Christmas dinner might be provided for the inmates.

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## FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$21.25. For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$2. For the benefit of the Bohemian Charitable Association: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$1.

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 25, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Messrs. Chýna and Petránek of Cicero undertook a collection for the benefit of Joaneum, an orphanage for children of fallen legionnaires of Prague, Czechoslovakia. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to seventeen dollars, were sent to the above-mentioned institution.

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A GOODHEARTED MAN

That our countryman, Mr. Joseph Dušek, who is one of the mainstays of the well-known commission house of Joseph Dušek and Company, 726 West Randolph Street, is a good hearted man has been a known fact to us for a long time. He demonstrated his generosity quite often, but always in such way that very little was known about it. He never advertised his good deeds, and if they are publicly announced, it is always by accident. Such an accident, occurred yesterday when the American newspapers reported that Mr. Joseph Dušek and his company donated a large supply of Christmas trees to the poor people of Chicago. Mr. Russel J. Pool, secretary and Mr. Max Adamowski, chairman of the Chicago Council's committee to investigate the high cost of living, took care of the distribution.

We ourselves have found out that Mr. Joseph Dušek, as usual, did not forget our Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, but contributed \$150 for the benefit of this institution as his and his wife's Christmas present.

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A MERITORIOUS DEED

The Kroužek Horlivců (Circle of Enthusiasts), which is exclusively known to our people for its generous support of national and charitable causes, did not forget our charitable institutions during this holiday season. In its past meeting it appropriated \$10 for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage; \$5 for the benefit of the Johaneum of Prague, Czechoslovakia; \$5 for the benefit of the Bohemian Heart of Vienna, Austria; and \$5 for the benefit of Mr. Fr. Luža, 1154 West 18th Street, Chicago.

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IN BEHALF OF A CRIPPLED SOLDIER

Mr. Jan Hruška, 1621 South Loomis Street, recently received a communication from his friend, Mr. František Hyrák, an invalid, of Nová Ves, near Uherský Ostroh, Czechoslovakia, in which he asks for aid. He is in a very sad situation, and therefore in his behalf Mr. Hruška undertook a collection to which the following countrymen contributed: [There follow the names and amounts.]  
Total, \$13.50. Any of our countrymen who would be willing to contribute toward this cause are requested to send contributions to the above-mentioned address.



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CZECHOSLOVAK AMERICA MUST PERFORM ITS DUTY  
"Everything for Children in the Czechoslovak  
Republic!" Must Be Our Motto

Mr. Herbert Hoover, who was sent to Europe during the time of the World War to direct relief activities and to become a food dictator, just recently inaugurated a drive throughout the United States to raise a sum of thirty-three million dollars to save the children in Europe, in Central Europe especially, from starvation. Part of this amount will be used by him to save children in Czechoslovakia. There are many children who need relief. They are perishing because of undernourishment and cold weather. They are exposed on all sides to tuberculosis! We cannot afford to be indifferent to their fate. We cannot afford--nor will our consciences permit it--to look on, from this land of plenty, with coolness and indifference while, in our recently liberated old homeland, our children, the most beautiful and the most promising future of the whole Czechoslovak nation, are perishing. Mr. Hoover is willing to help them. Therefore Czechoslovak America must help Mr. Hoover in

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his drive. The more Czechoslovak America helps Mr. Hoover in his Christmas and New Year's drive, the more Mr. Hoover, again, will help our people in Czechoslovakia.

Christmas time, a joyous holiday of the whole world, is here. Let us accomplish a good deed at least during these holidays. The greatest and best deed can be accomplished by us if we remember a suffering child of Czechoslovakia and if we deposit a contribution in his behalf. Let us invite such a child, as an invisible guest, to our Christmas or New Year's dinner. Let us contribute the sum of ten dollars or a smaller amount in behalf of this invisible guest. Let us deposit this amount with the Bohemian department of Hoover's relief committee. By doing so we save the child from dangerous sickness, or death, for a period of one year. A year from now conditions may improve. By that time a crop will be harvested, and there will be something to live on. Today, there is a limited supply of food and medicines in Czechoslovakia. Every invisible guest of ours will be grateful and will thank us from the bottom of his heart for what we do for him during these times. To

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help Mr. Hoover and the Czechoslovak children is one of our most sacred duties. That this duty be recognized by us and that we give it our wholehearted support is ardently recommended by the Ambassador of the Czechoslovak Republic, Dr. Bedřich Štěpánek, who, through his representative, Dr. Suma, whom he sent to Chicago and Pittsburgh for that purpose, is calling to Czechoslovak America:

"Help and help immediately! By helping immediately you will help twice! Because of undernourishment and cold weather, our children are perishing in Czechoslovakia! For them, do the best you can! You can help in the most effective way if you contribute to Mr. Hoover's relief action. Contribute and send your contribution at once. By it you will accomplish a most beautiful and noble deed, because you will show your love for a child. Follow the example of our great President Woodrow Wilson, who invited twenty such invisible guests to his Christmas dinner. Each Czechoslovak who can afford it should invite at least one such invisible guest!"

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Kindly send your contributions at once to the office of the Denní Hlasatel, because the drive will not last very long. The Denní Hlasatel will acknowledge every contribution. Just before the drive is concluded, all contributions will be sent to the Czechoslovak Ambassador, Dr. Bedřich Štěpánek, who will turn over all the money collected among American Czechoslovaks to Mr. Herbert Hoover. Therefore, attend cheerfully to the beautiful, noble, and purely humane work!

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W. A. HARRIS JR. CHAIRMAN  
CZECHOSLOVAK COMMITTEE

On the occasion of the arrival of Mr. J. Jura of Washington, D.C., an interesting meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the Czechoslovak Consulate, 108 South La Salle Street, to which representatives of the local Bohemian newspapers were invited.

Mr. Jura has been assigned to the Czechoslovak Embassy as chargé d'affaires for matters dealing with the protection and care of Czechoslovak children. He came to Chicago for the purpose of starting action among the Chicago Czechoslovaks in behalf of a nation-wide campaign for funds to aid the poor and suffering children of Central Europe. The drive is headed by Mr. Herbert Hoover, who is known to almost every Czechoslovak.

Mr. Hoover has concluded that at least thirty-three million dollars must be raised in the United States to meet the needs of Central European children. Of this amount, twenty-three millions are to be used to provide food, and

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ten millions for medical and other supplies which are now very scarce in Europe.

Also invited to attend the meeting, which was of an informative nature, were.... a number of prominent Americans who are enthusiastically supporting the Hoover program. Of these latter, Mr. Halsey L. Johnson, assistant cashier of the Great Lakes Trust Company, and Mr. Nicolay A. Kravstad aroused particularly sympathetic interest.

Dr. Jaroslav F. Kostanka, local Czechoslovakian consul, introduced all those present, Mr. Johnson, who personally represented Mr. Hoover, then delivered a speech. He explained the importance of this campaign, and also told how the work had been divided among members of the American committee, consisting of prominent people in American financial, philanthropic, and national circles. The committee, in asking American-Czechoslovaks for co-operation, is anxious to ascertain what Chicago Czechoslovaks, who have a good reputation with respect to national and philanthropic co-operation in the past, will do in behalf of this really good cause in which their help is now needed.

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Mr. Prevost then spoke a few words. He was followed by Mr. Linn, who briefly outlined the purpose for which he came to Chicago. He announced that through the efforts of Mr. J. J. Matarka, local Czechoslovakian consul, a temporary Czechoslovak committee had been organized to co-operate with the American committee. He described his own ideas of co-operation. He spoke at length about the good work accomplished by the American mission in Czechoslovakia, then told of how intensively the Czechoslovakia Relief Committee (Czechoslovak Children Protective Society of America) is working in the old homeland. He explained, finally, how much good aid will be needed, not only from the American committee, but also from the Czechoslovakian committee. There too, of course, will be expected to work shoulder and in hand from now on.

The American mission is taking care of about one hundred thousand poor children, but there are many more who need aid. The Czechoslovanska Teca o Site itself is taking care of six thousand children, but the number should be much greater. The Czechoslovak Government takes care of the transportation of supplies from the harbor to the place of destination, in addition to insurance, customs, and all necessary administrative work.

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After giving a detailed explanation of the activities of both these organizations, the speaker declared that he is sure that the Czechoslovak committee will willingly co-operate with the American committee and will report to the latter all of its activities and accomplishments.

In conclusion, the speaker expressed a hope that, in his work, most satisfying results will be attained by the Czechoslovaks of America.

Following this speech, most of the American guests departed, and only the representatives of the American newspapers remained. At this time, they said that Mr. Adolfin Stepanek, Czechoslovak ambassador, sends his sincere and cordial good wishes to the Czechoslovak community of America. The speaker would have liked to come to Chicago but it was impossible for him to do so at this time. In his stead he has sent Mr. Hlasatel with a request that local Czechoslovaks, and all Czechoslovaks in America, do everything possible, not only in their own interest but in the interest of the whole Czechoslovak Republic, to aid the Hoover relief campaign. The drive, headed by this great American, has been undertaken throughout the entire United States for the

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benefit of suffering children of Europe, especially Central Europe.

Dr. Lupa mentioned the great love and gratitude which Dr. Hoover enjoys in all Europe, particularly in Czechoslovakia, where he has accomplished a great deal in behalf of suffering people of all ages. Many thousands of human lives have been saved by his efforts.

At this Christmas time Dr. Hoover has undertaken a program designed to continue the work which he has already accomplished in Europe. Dr. Hoover, while willing to devote himself to the task at hand, would like to have tangible evidence that the Czechoslovaks of America are themselves interested in the welfare of Czechoslovakia. If he is convinced that local Czechoslovaks are supporting his program to the best of their ability, then he, in proportion to the results achieved by Czechoslovaks, will do everything possible to aid suffering children in Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Lupa announced that Dr. Stepanek is in direct touch with Dr. Hoover, and therefore it is of real importance to him that the Czechoslovak people of America give Dr. Hoover the maximum possible aid. They will be judged

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according to the results achieved; similarly, American campaign authorities will judge results in the Czechoslovak Republic on the same basis.

In order to take care of one hundred thousand children in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Hoover is presenting one million dollars to the Republic. For the upkeep of one child ten dollars (one-third of the required total) is paid out of the American fund, and the other two-thirds, or twenty dollars, is provided by the Czechoslovak Government. It is hoped that the American mission can take care of at least two hundred and fifty thousand children; this would mean that the Czechoslovak Government would receive a gift of two and one-half million dollars from America. This objective is possible of attainment providing American Czechoslovaks give proper financial support to Mr. Hoover's present drive.

In conclusion, Dr. Suma told the representatives of Bohemian newspapers that, at a meeting held Monday, he and Dr. Smetanka, Czechoslovakian consul, succeeded in appointing a temporary Czechoslovak committee, which will be strictly non-sectarian and nonpolitical. Czechoslovak America can make no political or religious distinctions in this charitable work. From her nothing is wanted

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FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CESKA DOBROCIINNÁ SPOLEČNOST  
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Contributions should be sent to Mr. Anton Laadt, Bohemian Charitable Association, 2603 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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FOR THE BENEFIT OF A CRIPPLED SOLDIER

Mr. Frank Wolf, of 2416 South 58th Avenue, Cicero, has undertaken a collection for the benefit of a crippled soldier, Mr. Josef Kovar, of Horijany, Czechoslovakia, and announces that the following countrymen have contributed:....

[Names and amounts of contributors are omitted in translation.] Total, \$39.50.

Those of our countrymen willing to contribute toward this collection may send their donations to the above-mentioned address.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago, Mrs. Františka Rampír Kajer has deposited in our office the sum of \$5.

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 12, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Klub Letem-Ovětem (By Wings Through the World Club), which enjoys well-deserved popularity among our countrymen, for its philanthropic deeds has proved again that this popularity is merited. In the meeting just recently held members of this Club decided that the Club's cash on hand should be divided among our charitable institutions, and the money was divided as follows: for the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, \$20; for the St. Joseph Orphanage of Lisle, Illinois, \$10; and, for the Free-Thought Schools, \$10. These amounts, for the purposes mentioned, were deposited in our office.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Doctor Alice Masaryk Fund and for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office:  
The names and amounts totaling \$1 were listed.<sup>7</sup>



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CHRISTMAS TIME IS AT HAND  
Ask Aid for Poor Bohemian Families

"He who gives promptly gives twice" ought to be the motto of all who intend, this coming Christmas, to make happy any of the hundreds of poor Bohemian families which are supported by the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago). Members of the Christmas distribution committee, Alderman Anton J. Cermak, chairman; Mr. John A. Sokol, secretary; Mr. Anton Laadt, treasurer, Mr. K. V. Janovsky, and the Reverend Vaclav Vanek, appeal to the Bohemian people of the City of Chicago to provide funds for gifts to be distributed at Christmas time. The Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost, has on its list hundreds of the poorest Bohemian families. During the whole year these families are supported by the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost. The Association now is sending out an appeal to the more fortunate Bohemian families and individuals for gifts to help make Christmas more joyous for the needy. Whoever has a heart for the poor and forsaken should help the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost in its philanthropic task.

The following countrymen, who did not wait to be told, have already contributed,

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by depositing their gifts in the office of the Local Domelians' Agent:

Alderman Anton J. Cernak,	25
Mr. Jan Kralovec,	25
Mr. James A. Tyle,	10
Mrs. Anezka Daly,	5
The Fiala and Rodek Company,	5
The Julia Barlick Lodge, No. 44 of the Bohemian Sisterhood,	2
Amount previously collected,	372

All contributions should be sent to Mr. Anton Tavit, treasurer of the Christian Distributing Committee, 2007 North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago.....

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 6, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$5.95.

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 5, 1920.

A COLLECTION FOR THE BENEFIT  
OF A BLIND HERO

Members of the Ludvikovci (Frantisek Ludvik Dramatic Association) started a collection for the benefit of one of the young and talented actors, Mr. Frantisek Boleslav, who lost his sight in action. Regarding this collection, members of the Ludvikovci issued the following statement:

"When this gifted and popular young member, Mr. Frantisek Boleslav, became blind, the Bohemian dramatic community suffered a great loss and a crushing blow. This man of sound health and bright ideas is condemned to eternal darkness and must live upon charity.

"Christmas time--days of joy, days of love--is a time when our memories turn

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back to the days of our childhood, and unintentionally all of our sentiment, touched by the festive mood, urges us to perform a good deed. Now the season is nearing.

"Just recently Mr. Rudolf Suva, a member of the Ludvikovci, received a communication from the invalid actor. Everybody who listened to the reading of the communication was deeply touched. The pen with which the poor blind man's communication to his friend was written set down words expressive of genuine distress. In response, a collection was started in order to provide a Christmas present for the unhappy fellow actor.

"We most sincerely appeal to professional actors and also to our supporters. Contribute your talent toward the Christmas present for Frantisek Boleslav and send your contribution to Rudolf Suva, 2530 South Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. All contributions will be acknowledged in our newspapers."

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 5, 1920.

So far the following countrymen have contributed: [There follows a long list of names and amounts.] Total, thirty-nine dollars.

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Denní Hlasatel, Dec. 4, 1920.

FOR THE BOHEMIAN POPULATION IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA  
(From the Office of the National Alliance  
of Bohemian Catholics of America)

Just recently we informed our Bohemian-American people about the sorrowful plight of our countrymen in Vienna, Austria. This report had been received by us from a private source--from a person holding a prominent position among Bohemians of that place. The heart of every countryman must have been touched with emotion by this report, and he must have wondered how to provide immediate help.....

These people in Vienna live under pitiful circumstances. And they are brothers of our blood! It may easily be said, as many of the contributors to the Svatováclavská Daň have remarked: For those beyond the ocean I will not contribute a penny, because we ourselves are in need. All that is necessary is to read only a few lines written in the hand of a common Bohemian working-man of Vienna who begs for his children who are suffering the most.

But the prayers of these poor people were not in vain. The Národní Sdružení

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Denni Hlasatel, Dec. 4, 1920.

Českých Katolíku resolved that the first aid from the St. Wenceslaus collection should go to these Bohemians, and therefore the Sdružení appropriated the sum of one hundred thousand Austrian kronen toward this purpose. The Národní Sdružení Českých Katolíku governed itself by the saying that "he that gives quickly gives twice". It is only to be hoped that the sum which has already been sent will be received by them before the Christmas holidays, so that their eyes may sparkle with joy--that at least on that day when everybody rejoices, the children of our Vienna countrymen will also be rejoicing and happy.....



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Denní Hlasatel, Nov. 30, 1920.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE JOANEUM ORPHANAGE OF PRAGUE

Mrs. Anna Vítek, 1443 West 18th Street, undertook a collection for the benefit of the Joaneum Orphanage of Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the collection list shows that the sum of twenty-five dollars was collected by her. This amount was sent to the above-mentioned institution. The following people contributed: [There follow the names and amounts.]

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Danai Hlasatel, Nov. 27, 1939.

AMERICAN, ROBERT H. HARRIS, POLICE,  
CHICAGO, ILL., 120 VICTIMS!

Upon the request of the secretary of the Jiloeviana Jednota Sokol Chotobor (Sokol Chotobor Gymnastic Association), Czechoslovakia, I have undertaken a collection for the erection of a Sokolovna (Sokol Hall) at that place, to which the following countries have so far contributed: [There follow the names and amounts.] Altogether I have collected the sum of forty-one dollars. On September 20, I sent the sum of three thousand Czechoslovakian kronas to Chotobor. In the name of the Sokol Chotobor, I most cordially thank all of you who contributed.

I would like to ask those countrymen who are still willing to contribute to the above-mentioned cause to send their gifts to Mr. Jan Matejka, 3345 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 27, 1920.

( /Denni Hlasatel/ Editor's note: The collector, Brother Matejka, is an instructor at Sokol Chicago.)

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 27, 1920.

WORLD WAR INVALID ASKS FOR RELIEF

Mr. Frank Wolf, a well-known countryman of 2416 South 58th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, received a communication from a World War invalid, Josef Kovar, of Horijany, near Tachovice, Czechoslovakia, who is asking for relief from his very sad situation. He is the father of two children, and, because of injuries received in action, he is unable to work. Our countrymen from Horijany and vicinity who would be willing to help him can do so by sending their contributions to the above-mentioned address.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 25, 1920.

FOR ORPHANS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Just recently about five hundred of our American countrymen received communications in which the management of the Joaneum Orphanage of Prague, Czechoslovakia, asked them to remember the orphans of our fallen legionnaires who found a shelter in this institution. A collection list was included in every communication.

Mr. Emil Prochazka, 2527 South Sawyer Avenue, was the first one of our countrymen who came to our office with the collection list filled with names of the contributors. As soon as he received the communication, he generously undertook a collection for this most meritorious purpose. And today the amount of money collected by him is already on its way to Prague, where it will be used to educate surviving orphans of those who sacrificed their lives for their country. The following countrymen contributed: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, twenty-four dollars.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 25, 1920.

ACTIVITIES OF THE VOELKY

The California branch of the Voelky (Boes) /Ladies' auxiliary of the Czechoslovak National Alliance of America/ recently received two communications from Czechoslovakia, both of them recognizing the meritorious work of this indefatigable national organization:

"Iracue, September 25, 1920

"To the Voelky of the Czechoslovak National Alliance of America:

"We take the liberty to inform you that your shipment of goods, consisting of three boxes weighing three hundred and seventy-nine, one hundred and seventy-seven, and one hundred and eleven pounds, respectively, was received by us. We hereby tender our cordial thanks for your noble comprehension of the solemn tasks which confront the Czechoslovak Red Cross and inform you that all the shipments heretofore received shall be used in the first place for the benefit

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of our fallen legionnaires and then wherever such aid is really needed. Your impressive love for our republic and its suffering inhabitants shall be a brilliant example to us and an encouragement to further work.

The Central Offices of the Czechoslovak Red Cross:

Alice Masaryk"

"To the Vcelky of the Czechoslovak National Alliance of America:

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of the sum of twelve thousand and thirty Czechoslovakian kronen received by me as a gift of the California branch of the Veelky for children of our institution through Mrs. Maeda Kos and Mrs. F. Trnka. For the poor Bohemian children, I hereby express my sincere thanks to all who contributed.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 23, 1920.

in Cernovice, near Tabor, Czechoslovakia:

[Signature illegible], Director"

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 21, 1920.

### LODGE CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The Rozmital Lodge No. 59 of the Česko-Slovanské Jednota (Czecho-Slavonic Union) arranged a festival on November 13 to celebrate its tenth anniversary, and the net proceeds of this festival were donated for the benefit of school children in Rozmital, Czechoslovakia and vicinity. The festival was attended by a great multitude of our brothers, sisters, and friends. The chairman, in his speech, greeted those who were present and urged the guests to become members of the lodge and present their children for membership in the juvenile department.....

A collection which yielded twenty-five dollars was taken for the musicians, but they refused to accept the money and donated the entire amount for the benefit of poor school children. This sum was then added to the net proceeds. Fellow sisters prepared an excellent supper, Brother Redek furnished the hall free of charge, and therefore the net proceeds were satisfactory. The proceeds

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amounted to \$303.32, and the whole amount will be sent to Rozmital to be used for the above-mentioned cause.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 21, 1922.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SCHOOL IN BAVOROV, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Mrs. M. Heinlein, a countrywoman from Bavorov, Czechoslovakia, just recently undertook a collection among local countrymen from Bavorov for the benefit of the school at that place. The proceeds from the collection, amounting to four thousand Czechoslovakian kronen, were sent by Mrs. Heinlein to Mr. Jindřich Veselý, a school superintendent in Bavorov.....

Anyone else who wishes to contribute toward this cause may do so by sending his contribution to Mrs. M. Heinlein, 2734 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 20, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$1.60.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 19, 1920.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF A SICK COUNTRYMAN

Mr. Antonin Richtig deposited the sum of \$8.95 in our office as the result of a collection undertaken for the benefit of an aged, sick Bohemian, Štěpán Matouš, who lives at 2021 South Allport Street.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 19, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

At the past meeting of the Klub leten-Světla (By Wings--Through The World Club), our honorable chairman took the floor and said: "I have always heard that the people in our Czechoslovak Republic are not willing to work, but that is not so. During my brief stay in Prague, Czechoslovakia, I was invited to visit an institution where I saw about three hundred invalids working. Some were minus a leg, others an arm, and in many cases parts of their ribs. Even the forearm was amless. All these men, with the aid of artificial limbs, manufacture artificial limbs for their crippled comrades."

Because we have plenty of World War legionnaires in our ranks, a motion was made to remember these crippled, unfortunate men with a Christmas present; and immediately the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated for this purpose. Other clubs and societies should follow this example.....

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Denní Hlasatel, Nov. 15, 1930.

FOR L. R. D. 11. 31

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice J. Clark Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, twelve dollars.

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Denní Hlasatel, Nov. 14, 1920.

Messrs. Mirosl Beršic and Joseph Licšik undertook a collection for the benefit of orphans and widows of fallen legionnaires of Pitín, near Pojkovice, Moravia, Czechoslovakia, and the following countrymen contributed: A. Janečka, \$8; L. Mikšik, \$5; L. Moňák, \$5; L. Janečka, \$5; P. Šrola, \$5; L. Javelka, \$5; [there follow the names and amounts of smaller contributors]. The total amount collected, one hundred dollars, was sent to its destination.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 14, 1920.

COUNTY WELFARE WORK

The office of County Agent is one of the great charitable county departments which require large sums of money, especially in the winter time when thousands of poor families must be cared for. Expenditures of this office during the past year amounted to \$720,611; this amount includes the office running expenses, pensions, etc., and can be explained by the fact that during the month of March, assistance was given to 3,220 families. During the month of July, 1,853 families were assisted, which was the smallest number of the year.

A record shows that on the list of those who received assistance, there were 83 Bohemian families, 88 widows, 26 deserted families, 4 single women, 3 divorced women, and 4 widowers with children, making a total of 208 of our countrywomen and countrymen to whom aid was extended.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 8, 1930.

HELP THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Notice is hereby given to all our Catholic countrymen of the United States that a collection for the benefit of the American Red Cross will be undertaken throughout the United States beginning November 19 and ending November 25 of this year. The meritorious work of this great organization for the benefit of poor and suffering people of not only the United States and Czechoslovakia, but also the entire world, is generally recognized. You will help this cause if you apply for membership by paying at least one dollar as an annual contribution. Of course, more should be given if conditions permit.

Our people have donated many thousands of dollars toward this cause. This year we can send our contributions through the central office of the Národní Sdružení Českykřesťanských katolíků v Americe (National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics of America), just as our countrymen of other national organizations can send their contributions through their own organizations. By doing so we can keep a record of our activity, and the American public will learn that we, the

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Czechoslovaks, are fully discharging our duties toward the humanitarian institutions of America.

In regard to this year's collection for the benefit of the American Red Cross, the central office of the Národní Svaz Českých Katolíků is giving the following advice and instructions to all of its members, district alliances, parish alliances, and newspapers. All the necessary collection equipment will be sent out before November 11. See to it that proper agitation and propaganda is circulated in your neighborhood or town by word of mouth and through your newspapers. Flying squadrons of collectors should call upon every family. The collected amounts are to be sent, and unused collection equipment returned, to the central office immediately after November 25. We call your attention to these points in order to prevent misunderstandings and duplication of efforts. See that your applications for membership and your contributions for the American Red Cross are sent to the central office through your district and parish alliances. The central office will keep a record of your activity. If in your town and vicinity special collection circumstances prevail and you

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Denial of aid, Nov. 6, 1943.

are obliged to work with a local organization, then keep a record of your and our people's contributions and notify the central office, because such information will be helpful to us. Inasmuch as contributions will be collected at every public place, at all street corners, and at places where people are employed, very few will be able to avoid this obligation.

Therefore we appeal to you to send your contribution to the office listed below through our national organization or its branches.

The Národní Svaz Českých Antolíků,  
3105 West 12nd Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Denni Hlasatel, Nov. 5, 1920.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOKOL HALL BUILDING FUND

Mrs. Josephine Pokorný-Vershoor, of 2239 South Trumbull Avenue, undertook a collection for the benefit of the erection of a Sokol Hall in Smečno, near Slaný, Czechoslovakia, and the following people contributed to this cause: [There follow the names and amounts.] The total amount of \$24.25 was sent to its destination through the American State Bank.

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 31, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, Mrs. Elizabeth Sebesta deposited the sum of seven dollars in our office.

Denni Mlasatel, Oct. 29, 1920.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE BOHEMIAN CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

The Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) held its tenth annual ball at the Filsen Park pavilion last Wednesday, the result of which can be a satisfaction to the arrangements committee. The spacious auditorium was crowded to capacity by people who came in order to enjoy themselves and, at the same time, to support the humanitarian causes championed for a long period of years by the Ceska Dobrocinná Společnost. It was proof that our people highly esteem the meritorious work which this organization does for poor and deserted Czechoslovak families in our city, and therefore the moral and financial success of this ball was great.

The arrangements committee provided stylish decorations and fancy illumination, so that everyone entering the auditorium was pleasantly surprised. In the course of the entertainment, an interesting program, under the direction of Miss Duda, was presented.

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Denni Masatel, Oct. 29, 1920.

Among those attending were Mayor William L. Thompson of Chicago and several other prominent politicians. Dancing to the excellent music continued until the early hours of the morning, and those who attended left the auditorium satisfied not only because they had spent a delightful evening, but also because they had accomplished a good deed by supporting the humanitarian causes of the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost.

We hope that the proceeds of the ball are large, and it is to be hoped that our Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost is more frequently remembered, because through it we remember our poor families which must be taken care of by this organization during the coming winter.



Denní Hlasatel, Oct. 27, 1920.

IN BEHALF OF A CRIPPLED SOLDIER

Mr. Jaroslav Meduna, a former American soldier, undertook a collection at the saloon conducted by Mr. Frank Velát for the benefit of a crippled soldier, Alois Aubrecht, Komořany, Czechoslovakia. The proceeds of the collection, amounting to ten dollars, were deposited in our office.

Alois Aubrecht is a crippled soldier, unable to support himself because in the past war he suffered the misfortune of losing both his legs.

The following countrymen contributed toward the collection: [there follow the names and amounts.] Total, ten dollars. Anyone who wishes to contribute toward this cause may do so by sending his contribution directly to the crippled soldier, Alois Aubrecht, Komořany, number 116, Czechoslovakia, or to our office.

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 24, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: There follow the names and amounts. Total, \$1.65.

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 11, 1920.

FOR THE ERECTION OF SOKOLOVNA IN VESELI, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Mr. Frank Ricica of 1812 Albert Street, who has just recently undertaken a collection for the benefit of the building fund for the erection of Sokolovna (Sokol's Hall) in Veseli, Czechoslovakia, reports the following contributions: [there follow the names and amounts]. Total, fifty-one dollars.

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Denni Hlasatel, Oct. 10, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office [there follow the names and amounts]. Total, seventy-five cents.

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Denni Hlasatel, Sept. 24, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of widows and orphans in Czechoslovakia, Mr. John Polak, 1522 West 18th Street, deposited the sum of two dollars in our office.

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Denní Hlasatel, Sept. 12, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mr. Frank Mejda deposited the sum of two dollars in our office.

For the benefit of the Liberty Bazaar arranged by Czechoslovak Legionnaires of Chicago, Mr. J. M. [only initials given] deposited the sum of two dollars in our office.

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, Mrs. Rosalie Majer deposited twenty cents in our office.

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Denní Hlasatel, Sept. 5, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Liberty Bazaar arranged by the Czechoslovak Legionnaires of Chicago, Mrs. Anna Kasal deposited the sum of two dollars in our office.

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Denni Mlasatel, Aug. 22, 1920.

FOR THE GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia,  
Mr. Mikulas Presnery deposited the sum of one dollar in our office.

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Denni Blasatel, Aug. 1, 1920.

FOR THE BOULETIN

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia,  
Mr. Joseph Hutzler deposited the sum of five dollars in our office.

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Denní Hlasatel, July 24, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Mrs. K. Vlček, treasurer of the Čáslavské Krajanky (Countrywomen of Čáslav), a benevolent society of Chicago, deposited the sum of twenty-five dollars in our office for the benefit of an ancient church in Čáslav, Czechoslovakia. Mrs. Kateřina Siřinka, 1913 South Fisk Street, was urged by the dean of Čáslav, Czechoslovakia, to undertake a collection among local countrymen from Čáslav for the benefit of the said cause.

Dean Alois Dostal of Čáslav, in his communication, expressed the hope that the Chicago countrymen from Čáslav will never forget their birthplace. At the same time he voiced an appeal for the solicitation of funds for the historic church. Upon the basis of this appeal, the collection was undertaken. The Čáslavské Krajanky contributed the sum of twenty-five dollars which, together with other collections, will be sent to the old homeland.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 31, 1920.

### A MERITORIOUS DEED

The Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku v Americe Donated Clothes,  
Underwear, and Books to Wives and Children of Liberian Legionnaires

Recently, the headquarters of the Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku v Americe (National Alliance of Czech Catholics of America) sent five large boxes full of clothes, underwear, and shoes to the wives and children of our heroic legionnaires who are returning to the old homeland from Liberia, and who are now being detained at Norfolk, Virginia for a longer period of time. The boxes, which also contained plenty of interesting and educational literature, were dispatched by express. Reverend Leo Steffl of New Bohemia, Virginia, whose parish is nearest to Norfolk and who is well known as a self-sacrificing national worker, was authorized by the Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku v Americe to visit the legionnaires and to take care of the distribution of the gifts. All gifts were bought upon his personal donation. The Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku v Americe appropriated the sum of two hundred dollars for this purpose, and some gifts were also collected after our plan was published in the newspapers.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 21, 1920.

Plenty of underwear and clothing was provided by us so that every woman and child will receive several articles which will surely be useful to them during the voyage and after their return to the homeland, where such articles are expensive and quite often cannot be bought at all. The Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku v Americe did not mind the trouble involved in collecting and transporting these articles, but was interested in seeing that assistance be given to people of our blood who are in need and who are deserving of aid. The Narodni Svaz Ceskych Katoliku v Americe is determined to help our legionnaires whenever necessary, and this can easily be carried out with the co-operation of all our generous people.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 18, 1920.

INTEREST IS MANIFESTED BY A DEED

Our National Organizations and Countrymen  
Send Monetary Contributions for Bazár Svobody

At the last meeting of the arrangement committee of the Bazár Svobody (Liberty Bazaar) which will be held in Chicago from September 22 to September 26, 1920, and which is sponsored by our national organizations, societies, and Czechoslovak legionnaires of Chicago, a great interest was manifested in this project by our Bohemian people, thus indicating that the Bazár Svobody will meet with success.

Many monetary contributions are coming in from all sides, and according to the report of the financial secretary, the following contributions have been received so far: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, sixty-six dollars.

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Denní Hlasatel, July 18, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Sokol Mirošov near Rokycany, Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were received for the building fund by Mr. James Pokorný, 1809 South Fisk Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Mr. Anton Pliml, 1317 South 58th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois: The Pilsen Products Company, \$15; A. Štěpán, \$15; Jan Vildman, \$10; Jan. J. Kastner, \$10; James Pokorný, \$10; Pelekrin Pončár, \$5; James Kastner, \$5; Jaroslav Vildman, \$5; J. Nosek, \$5; Fr. Vavroch, \$5; Victor Malezan, \$5; V. Pliml, \$5; F. Pliml, \$5; A. Pliml, \$5; and many other smaller amounts. Total, \$152.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 4, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans of Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: Mrs. Anna Tell, fifty cents; Mr. C. Pelsnik, fifty cents. Total, \$1.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage: Mr. and Mrs. Picha, 2620 South Trumbull Avenue, \$8.50.

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Denni Hlasatel, July 4, 1920.

PROCLAMATION OF THE CESKOSLOVENSKY POMOCNY VYBOR

At the last meeting of the Ceskoslovensky Pomocny Vybor (Czechoslovak Aid Committee), it was decided to continue, with unceasing effort, the work thus far accomplished, because the task of the Ceskoslovensky Pomocny Vybor is not yet completed. It is still necessary to support the widows and orphans of our fallen Bohemian legionnaires, and it is still necessary to do something for the legionnaires returning from Siberia, and especially for their wives and children who are in need of many things which the Ceskoslovensky Pomocny Vybor would like to give them but which are not possible at the present time because of insufficient funds.

Therefore, the committee is appealing to all men of good will to support its work. Every contribution will be gratefully acknowledged, and the entire amount will be used for the above-mentioned purpose, because the Ceskoslovensky Pomocny Vybor has practically no expenses. Services to this organization are rendered gratis. Anybody who contributes as much as one

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dollar will receive a membership card which, of course, may always be a pleasant souvenir.

Contributions will be received by Mr. Otto Vasak at the American State Bank. The members of the Ceskoslovensky Pomocny Vybor are hereby notified that future meetings of the committee will be held the first Tuesday of every month at the Pilsen Sokol hall. Everybody who is interested in the work of the committee is welcome.

The Ceskoslovensky Pomocny Vybor, founded six years ago, was the first organization of its kind in Bohemian-America. It is very anxious to fulfill its duties honorably until the end, that is, until conditions in the Czechoslovak Republic are satisfactory and no more aid is needed. To accomplish that, the Ceskoslovensky Pomocny Vybor hopes to receive sincere co-operation from the Bohemian people in its endeavor.

For the Ceskoslovensky Pomocny Vybor,

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Denni Hlasatel, July 4, 1920.

James F. Stepina, chairman;  
Dr. Karel Neumann, secretary

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Denni Hlasatel, June 27, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: There follow the names and amounts. Total, \$12.25

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mrs. Marie Cihak deposited the sum of three dollars in our office.

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Penni Glasatel, June 31, 1920.

FOR THE RED CROSS

(Summary)

This is the tenth report of contributions collected by Mr. E. St. Vraz, 1917 South Millard Avenue, Chicago, for Bohemian Relief and for the suffering widows and orphans in Bohemia and Moravia.

The total sum of the contributions amounts to 1,004.75, and there are also about twenty parcels of underwear, clothes, and shoes.

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Denni Masatel, June 20, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$2.60.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage: Mrs. Antonie Sterba, \$7.

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Denni Masatel, June 18, 1920.

LIBERTY BELL

A Declaration of Legionnaires to our National  
and Sokol Organizations and to the  
Czechoslovak People of Chicago

Dear Friends:

We are approaching you in the interest of a noble project, which, regardless of unsatisfactory and dull conditions, is fully comprehended by our Czechoslovak people of Chicago. We are not asking you for any contribution, but we ask and invite you to a co-operative and noble work which, if successfully accomplished, will benefit our poor invalid legionnaires and widows and orphans in Czechoslovakia.

In the past World War and the struggle for world democracy, our Czechoslovak

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Donni Hlasatel, June 18, 1920.

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Bohemia was exposed to the extreme terrors of western and eastern battlefields. Thousands of our heroic legionnaires died in this bloody struggle.

Our hearts go out to all those who sacrificed their lives in this struggle, but it is our sacred duty to help those who returned home as invalids, to help surviving widows and orphans of our fallen legionnaires.

During the past war many tens of thousands of legionnaires' families were deprived of their breadwinners; thousands of invalids, unable to support themselves, became a burden upon the Czechoslovak Republic. Unsettled and almost disastrous social and economic conditions are making it still worse for those who sacrificed and suffered the most for their nation.

The Czechoslovak people of America, who proved generous benefactors of the

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suffering nation in the east, must not permit our Legionnaires, the best men of our nation, to suffer on account of these conditions, and our people must offer them substantial aid.

The Bazar Svobody, arranged by the Bratstva Ceskoslovenskych Legionaru v Chicagu (Czechoslovak Legionnaires of Chicago), with the co-operation of our national organizations and societies, will be held from September 22-26 in the Pilsen Park pavilion. At this bazaar every Czechoslovak will have an opportunity to manifest his sympathy toward our legionnaires and the surviving families. The numerous friendly communications which are reaching us from everywhere prove that our people are deeply interested in this bazaar. The participation of our national organizations and of individuals in preliminary work is a guarantee of success.

We invite you all to co-operate with us in this meritorious work. The arrange-

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Demni Hlasatel, June 18, 1920.

ments committee sent out invitations to all of our national and Sokol organizations. We also appeal to our prominent countrymen and countrywomen, who have always supported all our national projects so generously in the past, to contribute their rich experience to the success of the Bazar Svobody.

Regular meetings of the bazaar arrangements committee are being held every Tuesday evening at the Sokol Havlicek Hall. A trophy donated by the Svaz Ceskoslovenskych Legionaru v Praze (Alliance of Czechoslovak Legionnaires of Prague) will be presented to the organization which participates most actively in this Bazar Svobody.

The organizations and societies which have decided to participate are requested to send the names of their representatives to Mr. J. Losatka, secretary of the arrangements committee, 2225 Dayton Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Na zdar! (good luck!)

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Denni Hlasatel, June 6, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Jakub Melka deposited the sum of two dollars in our office.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage, Mr. Marie Brichacek deposited the sum of \$2.50 in our office.

For the benefit of St. Joseph's Orphanage, Mrs. Marie Brichacek deposited the sum of \$2.50 in our office.

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Denni Masatol, June 3, 1980.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of Mr. Joseph Nicks, our countryman whose home was damaged by the tornado, the following contributions were deposited in our office:  
[There follow the names and amounts.] Total, \$2.50.

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Denní Hlasatel, June 1, 1920.

BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF BOHEMIAN TAG DAY

The ladies who so enthusiastically and generously collected donations for the Česká Dobročinná Společnost v Chicagu (Bohemian Charitable Association of Chicago) yesterday may be satisfied with their accomplishments. They collected the sum of \$2,400 for the Česká Dobročinná Společnost, which of course is a very good result. But it could not have been otherwise, for we must take into consideration the enthusiastic work of our ladies. For this accomplishment they deserve the gratitude of the Česká Dobročinná Společnost and of our people. Our Bohemian people have recognized the importance of this humanitarian institution.



Denni Hlasatel, May 30, 1920.

TO THE BOHEMIAN PEOPLE'S HEARTS

Today and tomorrow is the tag day for the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) in Chicago. The Chicago city council issued a special permit for this purpose. Our generous Bohemian ladies will go to the streets of our Bohemian metropolis with collection boxes and will ask everybody to contribute to the fund which is used by the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost to support our poor Bohemian families in this city. Open your hearts and your pocketbooks and help this Bohemian humanitarian institution which honorably represents us before the American people and shows them that the Bohemians of Chicago are able to take care of their own poor families. Therefore, do not forget our generous ladies who donate their services when they ask you to contribute. Proceeds of this tag day should yield at least \$2,000 so that the Ceska Dobrocinnna Spolecnost can continue in its humanitarian work started ten years ago. Fourteen prizes are ready for those ladies who collect the largest amounts. Mr. John A. Cervenka furnished the first and second prizes. Mr. John Krupka donated the third and fourth prizes, and Mr. Anton J. Cermak



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will provide as other prizes ten tickets for main floor seats in one of the leading theaters in Chicago.



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FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Doctor Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contribution was deposited in our office: Mrs. M. Rampire, \$1.



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Denni Hlasatel, May 23, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Doctor Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following donations were deposited in our office: [Translator's note: names and amounts follow]; total, \$2.45.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage: [Translator's note: The name and amount is given]; total, \$1.



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Denní Hlasatel, May 23, 1920.

A COLLECTION FOR POOR PEOPLE  
IN ÚJEZD, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Mr. Jan Kračalík, 1235 South 49th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, undertook a collection for the benefit of poor people in Újezd, Czechoslovakia, his birthplace. The following contributed to the collection: Mr. Frank Tomeš, \$5; Mr. Frank Pavelka, \$3; Mr. Jan Kračalík, \$3; Mr. John Mareček, \$2; Mrs. Terezie Šenkeřík, \$2; Mr. Joseph Drábek, \$1; Mr. Frank Ujčík, \$1. Mr. Jan Kračalík some time ago undertook a similar collection among his co-workers at the place where he is employed. For the collected amount he bought provisions which he sent to his birthplace, but the shipment was lost aboard the ship "Liberty Glow". He recently collected the sum of \$20 as insurance for the lost shipment, which he added to the first above-mentioned collection, and the whole amount was sent to Újezd. Further contributions may be sent to the above address.



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Denni Hlasatel, May 7, 1920.

FOR OUR SUFFERING COUNTRYMEN  
IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA

The Ceskoslovenske Narodni Sdruzeni v Americe (Czechoslovak National Alliance of America) purchased \$2,000 worth of Hoover Mission food orders which will be sent to the Ceske Srdce (Bohemian Heart) in Vienna, Austria, to alleviate the misery of our suffering countrymen in that place. Every man is deeply touched by the call for aid of our unfortunate countrymen whom fate placed in unfriendly Vienna where, depending upon themselves only, they must endure severe hardships. The Ceskoslovenske Narodni Sdruzeni v Americe called upon its district committees to undertake a collection for the benefit of our unhappy Vienna countrymen, the result of which is that in the next few days, \$2,000 worth of Hoover Mission food orders will be sent to Vienna. The food orders were purchased through the New York district committee of the Ceskoslovenske Narodni Sdruzeni v Americe which donated the substantial amount of \$1,000 for this noble purpose. The district committees of Omaha, Nebraska, and of Chicago, Illinois, also contributed large amounts.



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Denni Hlasatel, May 7, 1920.

Contribute to the relief of our suffering countrymen in Vienna and send  
your donations to the branches or district committees of the Ceskoslovenske  
Narodni Sdruzeni v Americe!



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Denni Hlasatel, May 7, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Doctor Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [Translator's note: There follow the names and amounts]; total, \$1.95.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage: Mr. and Mrs. Jan Bily deposited the sum of \$6.

For the benefit of the Saint Joseph Orphanage: Mr. and Mrs. Jan Bily deposited the sum of \$6.



Denni Hlasatel, May 2, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Doctor Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia: [Translator's note: The names and amounts are listed.] Total amount received, \$1.25.



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BOHEMIAN

Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 28, 1920.

COUNTRYMEN FROM TRHOVÁ ZAHŘÁDKA AND VICINITY:

The educational and benevolent society Trhová Zahrádka and Vicinity received several requests from Trhová Zahrádka, Czechoslovakia, and surrounding villages for a monetary contribution to aid the Sokol which was founded recently in Trhová Zahrádka, and for the benefit of school children who suffer because of inadequate school supplies. The Trhová Zahrádka and Vicinity society has always been a generous contributor toward our national and charitable causes here and in our dear old native land. Therefore, the society immediately sent to the Sokol of Trhová Zahrádka the sum of two thousand Czechoslovakian kronen and the same amount to the schools of Trhová Zahrádka. Two thousand Czechoslovakian kronen were sent to each of the surrounding villages of Snět and Blažejovice. Because the society Trhová Zahrádka would like to satisfy all the requests, we therefore beg you, our dear countrymen, to contribute monetary aid for the benefit of those little innocent children whose education has suffered because of the war, and who lack



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the most important necessities for becoming the pride of our nation. The educational and benevolent society Trhová Zahrádka and Vicinity is extending its thanks in advance for every donation for the benefit of those poor little children. Every donation will be published in our newspapers and letters of thanks will be shown to everybody upon request. Donations may be deposited with any of the following officers of the society or at the meeting every second Tuesday of the month at Vojta Náprstek school, Homan Avenue and 26th Street.

John Hájek, 2812 South Turner Avenue, president; Frank Vejsada, 1917 South 58th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, secretary; Leopold Brázda, 5424 West 22nd Place, Cicero, Illinois, treasurer.





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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 25, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For the benefit of the Doctor Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [Translator's note: The names and amounts are listed.] Total amount received, \$6.25.



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Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 18, 1920.

FOR GOOD CAUSES

For the benefit of the Doctor Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia the following donations were deposited in our office: [Translator's note: List of names and amounts follow.] Total, \$1.48.

The Garden City Coal Company, a Bohemian coal company, which at every opportunity remembers our good causes, sent to our office the sum of \$10 for the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage. For the same cause, J. Pospíšil sent twenty-five cents to our office.



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Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 18, 1920.

HUMANITARIAN WORK OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
LEGIONNAIRES OF CHICAGO

"In order to inform the public that the Czechoslovak Legionnaires of Chicago are taking care of their brothers, who by reason of injuries or sicknesses contracted while in the army, found themselves in hardship, we take the liberty to refer to these gifts from the Czechoslovak Legionnaires of Chicago: Mrs. Tykalský, a widow of a brother legionnaire, received the sum of \$75; Mrs. Kalčic, a widow of a brother legionnaire, received the sum of \$25; Mrs. Hrachovský, a mother of a brother legionnaire who is a patient in the County Hospital, received the sum of \$25; brother Kalous received the sum of \$50; brother Divina received the sum of \$50; for the benefit of the Doctor Thomas G. Masaryk Fund, the sum of \$104 was sent to Prague; for the benefit of the Doctor Alice Masaryk Fund the sum of \$62 was sent to the same place. Eighteen of our brothers were aided by loans representing the sum of \$900."

This report was sent to our office by Jan Švadleňák, financial secretary of

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Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 18, 1920.

the above-mentioned organization, with the request that it be published in our newspaper.

We willingly fulfill the wishes of the Legionnaires and we hope that our public, after reading this, will form their own conception about the activities and ideals of the Czechoslovak Legionnaires of Chicago. This organization does not care to exist only as an ordinary society, but it wants to prove by its activity that whenever and wherever it is necessary, it is willing to work with love and enthusiasm not only for national and cultural causes, but also for the cause of humanity. Therefore, we expect that the Czechoslovak Legionnaires will be supported in all their undertakings by our public, who in that way will prove that the sacrifices made by our legionnaires for the liberation of the Czechoslovak nation are acknowledged. It will also prove that the work which is being done by them and the work which they are willing to do among us in the future, is fully valued and recognized.



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Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 16, 1920.

TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, CONCERNING  
THE SHIPMENT ABOARD THE SHIP "LIBERTY GLOW"

The Československá Národní Rada v Americe (Czechoslovak National Council of America) at its meeting, appointed a committee to make out checks for all those who suffered a loss through the lost shipment aboard the ship "Liberty Glow". Because it is impossible to do this work in our office, for it is being constantly visited by applicants, the committee was forced to close the office so it could work without being interrupted. Therefore, all who are interested are requested to wait until they receive their checks, which will be in the mail within the next few days. The money is deposited in the Adams State Bank and the insurance will be paid in full except for a two per cent discount which will be charged to cover expenses. All insistence in this direction is useless, because the work of the officers is only delayed thereby. The undersigned officers hope that the people will take notice of this report and will recognize the justification of this step.

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For the Československá Národní Rada v Americe:

Andrew Schustek, treasurer;

Jan Straka, financial secretary.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 15, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Report of Theatrical Performance Arranged by Vcelky  
for the Benefit of Tubercular Orphans  
in Cernovice, Czechoslovakia,  
held Wednesday, March 31

The total receipts were \$339.60; total disbursements, \$131.50; net proceeds,  
\$208.10.

This amount will be sent at once to its destination. The Vcelky (Bees)  
/Translator's note: ladies auxiliary of the Czechoslovak National Alliance/  
hereby extend their gratitude to all participants. We also thank Denni Hlasatel  
for services and publications rendered.

For the Vcelky and Arrangements Committee,

Lilada Tetrev.



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Denní Mlasatel, Apr. 13, 1920.

BOHEMIANS OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA, ATTEND  
THEIR GRATITUDE TO BOHEMIAN-AMERICA

At last, although scantily, letters are coming in from Vienna, Austria, in which Bohemians of Vienna express their gratitude to all generous contributors of Bohemian-America. They send their hearty thanks, and I hereby express thanks for many more. Thanks to the contributions from Bohemian-America, many were saved from hunger and some families were aided in fleeing from Viennese famine to their native land of Bohemia or Moravia. Once more I beg all societies and individuals: Continue with your collections, keep on sending your contributions to Vienna. Those who can contribute only a small amount should send their contributions to my address.....The following is the seventh list of contributions: [Translator's note: names and amounts follow.] Total, \$92,88. Up to this day (April 9), total amount collected is \$606.12, of which \$594 has been sent to Vienna. Cash on hand, \$12.12. With cordial regards, Enrigo Stanko Vráz, 1817 South Millard Avenue, Chicago.





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Donni Khasatel, Apr. 11, 1920.

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The Czechoslovak Socialist Workmen's Society, which aimed to collect donations for the benefit of suffering Bohemians in Vienna, Austria, received further contributions...../Translator's note: The names of the contributors and the amounts are given/ amounting to 10.75. Up until today, the amount collected is 30.2. Further contributions are being accepted by the above-mentioned society.

Antonin Kollipala, secretary, 1420 South Broadway Street.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 11, 1920.

FOR GOOD CAUSES

The following contributions to the Doctor Alice Masaryk Fund for orphans in Czechoslovakia were deposited in our office: Translator's note: List of names and amounts follows. / Total, \$27.85.

For the benefit of suffering Bohemians in Vienna, Austria, Mr. Joseph Korinek deposited one dollar in our office.



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Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 6, 1920.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Miss Anneta Dobiáš collected the sum of \$9.30 among the employees of the Western Electric Company for the benefit of Matěj Jurečka, an invalid in Uherský Ostroh, Czechoslovakia. Mr. Antonín Fučík, 4212 West 31st Street, donated the sum of \$4, for the same purpose. The total collection of \$13.30 was sent to its destination through the Kaspar State Bank, by Anna Dvořák, of 2026 South Washtenaw Avenue, who, in the name of the unhappy family, extends cordial thanks to all who contributed.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 6, 1920.

THE CESKA DOBROCINNA SPOLECNOST  
Aid Our Countrymen, Victims of the Tornado!

The tornado which visited our city on March 28 damaged 225 houses in Chicago and vicinity. Out of that number, 125 houses were completely destroyed and 100 houses were damaged to such an extent that they became unfit for further use. Among the victims are many of our countrymen, and our first endeavor should be to help them.

The Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost (Bohemian Charitable Association) which has assisted in every charitable endeavor in which our countrymen have been concerned, hereby appeals to our countrymen of Chicago and vicinity for help. The tornado damaged many of the houses of our countrymen; they found themselves in a pitiful situation. Those, whose properties are mortgaged were especially hard hit. It is the first duty of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost to help them. We know of two cases in which the properties of our countrymen were utterly destroyed, with a loss amounting to \$5,000. Without help these two

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would be ruined.

Therefore, the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost appeals to all those who are able to help to send their contributions to the office of the treasurer of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost, Mr. Louis Solar, 2603 South Kedzie Avenue.

Contributions will be published in Bohemian newspapers and will be used only in the most urgent cases. If this relief action is directed by the American Red Cross, as is expected, then the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost will transfer all the collections to the office of the treasurer of the American Red Cross, and it will request that proper attention be paid to Bohemian cases just as was done in the Eastland catastrophe.

We also request that all needy victims of the tornado call at the office of the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost, 2603 South Kedzie Avenue, and report their cases. Office hours are from 9 A. M. to 12 P. M.; telephone: Rockwell 1787.

For the Ceska Dobrocinna Spolecnost,  
Stanislav J. Loula, president;  
Reverend Vaclav Vanek, secretary.

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Denní Hlasatel, Apr. 4, 1920.

PAYMENT OF LOST GIFT CLAIMS

A check for the sum of \$17,455 was received by mail at the office of the Československá Národní Rada v Americe (Czechoslovak National Council of America), Saturday morning, from the Czechoslovak Consulate General in New York, which sum will be used to pay compensation to those senders whose shipments of gifts were aboard the lost steamer "Liberty Glo".

Taking into consideration the fact that there are about 3,000 senders, it is not possible, of course, to pay everyone in a week's time. Two officials of the Československá Národní Rada v Americe will be kept busy making out the checks, which, of course, will take some time. The checks will be signed at the meeting of the Československá Národní Rada v Americe, to be held April 14. On the next day, April 15, every sender whose shipment was either lost or damaged should receive his check.

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In consequence of this, the senders are requested by the office of the Československá Národní Radio V Americe not to bother it with useless inquiries unless it is absolutely necessary. This will facilitate and hasten the work of officials, to the benefit of every sender.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 4, 1920.

FOR GOOD CAUSES

For the benefit of the Doctor Alice Masaryk Fund, for orphans in Czechoslovakia and for the Old People's Home in Brno, Czechoslovakia, the following contributions were deposited in our office: [Translator's note: List of names of donors follows.] Total, \$14.55.

For the benefit of suffering countrymen in Vienna, Austria, the Lesnik Lodge of the Bohemian-American Foresters deposited in our office the sum of \$10.





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Janíček, J., M. A., M. C.

RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC

The Československé Národní Sdružení v Americe (Czechoslovak National Alliance of America) recently received the following brief, but significant, communication from the office of the President of the Czechoslovak Republic:

"To the Československé Národní Sdružení v Americe. Attention Doctor Joseph P. Recival, President: The President of the Czechoslovak Republic most cordially thanks you for the congratulatory letter sent to him on his seventieth birthday, and also for the gift of one million Czechoslovak korunen sent for his disposition. The President is especially pleased by your solicitude, which bears out the evidence that you are not forgetting your old native land and also the work sought for it."

This communication surely will be of great moment in our work which we

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are doing for the benefit and interest of suffering Czechoslovakian people in our native land. We attest that our work is not yet accomplished, and that further harmonious and united work is necessary to finish our task.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 2, 1920.

COLLECTION FOR JOSEPH SPIKA CLOSED

The collection for the benefit of Joseph Spika; our dear legionnaire, has been brought to a close. Spika is still lying in the County Hospital where we discovered him sometime ago. We may be well satisfied with the results accomplished.....

From March 13, 1920, until Wednesday evening, the closing day of the collection, donations deposited in our office amounted to \$460.30. Sometime ago, 30,000 Czechoslovak kronen were bought with part of this money for Joseph Spika, which were sold to us without profit by Mr. Rudolph Vacek, banker, who himself then donated \$10 for Spika. We bought the kronen through Mr. Vacek because his was the best proposition offered. In addition, two 100-kronen Czechoslovak certificates and war stamps worth \$4 were also deposited in our office. Kronen bought for Spika were deposited in the Bohemian Bank in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and will be given to him upon his return home. The money order is held by us and will be given to Spika together with \$76.30, the remainder of the collection, on the day of his departure.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 2, 1920.

Our report does not cover all of the donations for Joseph Spika; the amount is much larger. As far as we know, the sum of \$154.36 was collected for him by Narod, a Bohemian newspaper, which money came almost entirely from the St. John Nepomuk Parish. In addition to this, money was given to Spika in the County Hospital. Of this amount, we have reported only the sum deposited with us by Mrs. Anna Jansa, Spika's sister. She herself is keeping some money for him at her home, but how much we cannot state. We only know that on his departure from Chicago, Joseph Spika will have about \$500 in his possession; therefore, he will be provided with sufficient aid for a beginning. He is congratulated for this not only by us, but by all who helped to make this collection successful. It is to Spika's credit that we must remark that he did not want to keep the collection all for himself. A long time ago, he asked us to stop the collection for him, on account of many other collections which are undertaken for more important projects and causes. To prove that he really meant it, he wanted to give the larger amount of money, which his sister is holding for him, to his unhappy comrade--Alois Rajtura, also a Czechoslovak legionnaire from Siberia, who returned to his home in Sobeslav, Czechoslovakia, as an armless invalid. But on our advice he did not give a large amount;

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he gave only \$25. But nevertheless, by this act he proved the good fellowship that existed and still exists among Czechoslovak Siberian Legionnaires.

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Denni Hlasatel, Apr. 1, 1920.

FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK BAZAAR  
COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS

At the request of many Czechoslovak volunteers and legionnaires who are willing to participate in the proposed generous enterprise, the Czechoslovak Bazaar, to be held for the benefit of legionnaire invalids in Czechoslovakia, the Bazaar committee hereby urges all Czechoslovak legionnaires of good will who wish to co-operate and make this bazaar a success, to bring their war souvenirs collected on different battlefields to the "Exhibition of War Souvenirs", to be held in connection with the Bazaar. Response should be made either by letter or by a personal call at the headquarters of the Bazaar Committee, 3754 West 26th Street.

For the Czechoslovak Bazaar Committee: The District Committee of the Czechoslovak National Alliance, the District Committee of the National Alliance of Bohemian Catholics, the District Committee of the Slovak League, and the Bohemian Art Club in Chicago.

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Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 31, 1920.

FROM ST. JAN NEPOMUK PARISH

The following donations for Joseph Spika, legionnaire now lying in the County Hospital in Chicago, were deposited at the St. Jan Nepomuk Parish:  
[Translator's note: list of names of donors follows.] Total, \$153.35.

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BOHEMIAN

Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 31, 1920.

FOR SUFFERING BOHEMIANS IN VIENNA

The Czechoslovak Socialist Workingmen's Club, Fresl, recently began a collection for the suffering Bohemians in Vienna, and so far the following donations were deposited: Translators note: List of names of donors follows. Total, \$18.50.





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BOLESLAW

Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 23, 1920.

FOR GOOD CAUSES

For the benefit of the Alice Masaryk Fund, the following donations were deposited in our office: [Translator's note: List of names of small donors follows.] Total \$17.88.

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BOHEMIAN

Denni Hlasatel, Mar. 26, 1920.

/TO AID CZECH LEGIONNAIRE/

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Today's statement of donations deposited in our office for Joseph Spika, Czechoslovak legionnaire, amounts to \$60.10 and one 100-kronen Czechoslovak certificate. Previous donations deposited in our office total \$390.85 and two 100-kronen Czechoslovak certificates.



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BOHEMIAN

Denní Hlasatel, Mar. 23, 1920.

[CONTRIBUTIONS TO JOSEPH SPIKA]

.....Contributions were deposited in our office yesterday for Joseph Spika, legionnaire: [list of contributors follows]. Total \$29.00. A delegation from the Town of Lake Sokol visited Joseph Spika at the County Hospital and gave him \$12.00 as a gift from that organization.

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BOHEMIAN

Denní Hlasatel, Mar. 22, 1920.

FOR SUFFERING VIENNESE



Dr. Arthur Dean Bevan, chairman of the American Medical Association, has sent a check of \$1,000 to Mr. James B. Forgan, treasurer of the Aid Committee for suffering Viennese. The check is a gift of a Chicago woman who does not wish to have her name revealed. The Viennese are receiving help from all sides, but the Bohemians of Vienna do not get anything from this. They must be taken care of by our countrymen here. Therefore, it is necessary that the collections for Bohemians of Vienna meet with the greatest success among us. Our countrymen living in Vienna find themselves in conditions far worse than any other branch of our people. They are surrounded by a sea of unfriendly people, who make them feel their envy in a cowardly manner, in that they exclude them from all help which comes from other countries for the benefit of all Vienna, therefore, for the Bohemians settled there.

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BOHEMIAN

Denní Hlasatel, Mar. 21, 1920.

[MORE DONATIONS FOR JOSEPH SPIKA]

.....Contributions were deposited in our office for the benefit of Joseph Spika, legionnaire: [TRANSLATOR'S NOTE.--list of contributors follow].  
Total \$9.50.

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BOHEMIAN

Denní Hlasatel, Mar. 21, 1920.

FOR GOOD CAUSES

.....Contributions were deposited in our office for the following:

For the benefit of the Dr. Alice Masaryk Fund: [list of names of contributors and amounts follows]. Total \$4.30.

For the benefit of the Bohemian Old People's Home and Orphanage: [list of names and amounts follows]. Total \$10.

Mrs. Barbora Tempel of 1733 North Wells Street deposited in our office the sum of \$20 as her contribution for the benefit of poor people in Přívětice, Czechoslovakia, her birthplace.



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BOHEMIAN

Denní Hlasatel, Mar. 20, 1920.

[MORE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO AID SPIKA]



That Czechoslovak-America is good hearted and is always ready to make sacrifices for a really good cause or for a righteous person, Joseph Spika, legionnaire, will be convinced today. He is lying in the County Hospital eagerly awaiting the time when he will be able to resume his pilgrimage around the world, on his way home. He will be convinced by the new donations deposited for him.....

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Total donations deposited in our office amount to \$210.25. Besides this amount, a certificate for one hundred Czechoslovakian Kronen was deposited with us.

To this we add that Spika's sister, Mrs. Anna Jansova, at our request,

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BOHEMIAN

Denní Hlasatel, Mar. 20, 1920.

deposited the sum of \$82 in our office, which is all the money thus far donated to Spika at the hospital. The reason why we requested her to do this is that at the hospital, where everyone has admittance, his money, might have been stolen by some unconscionable person.....





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